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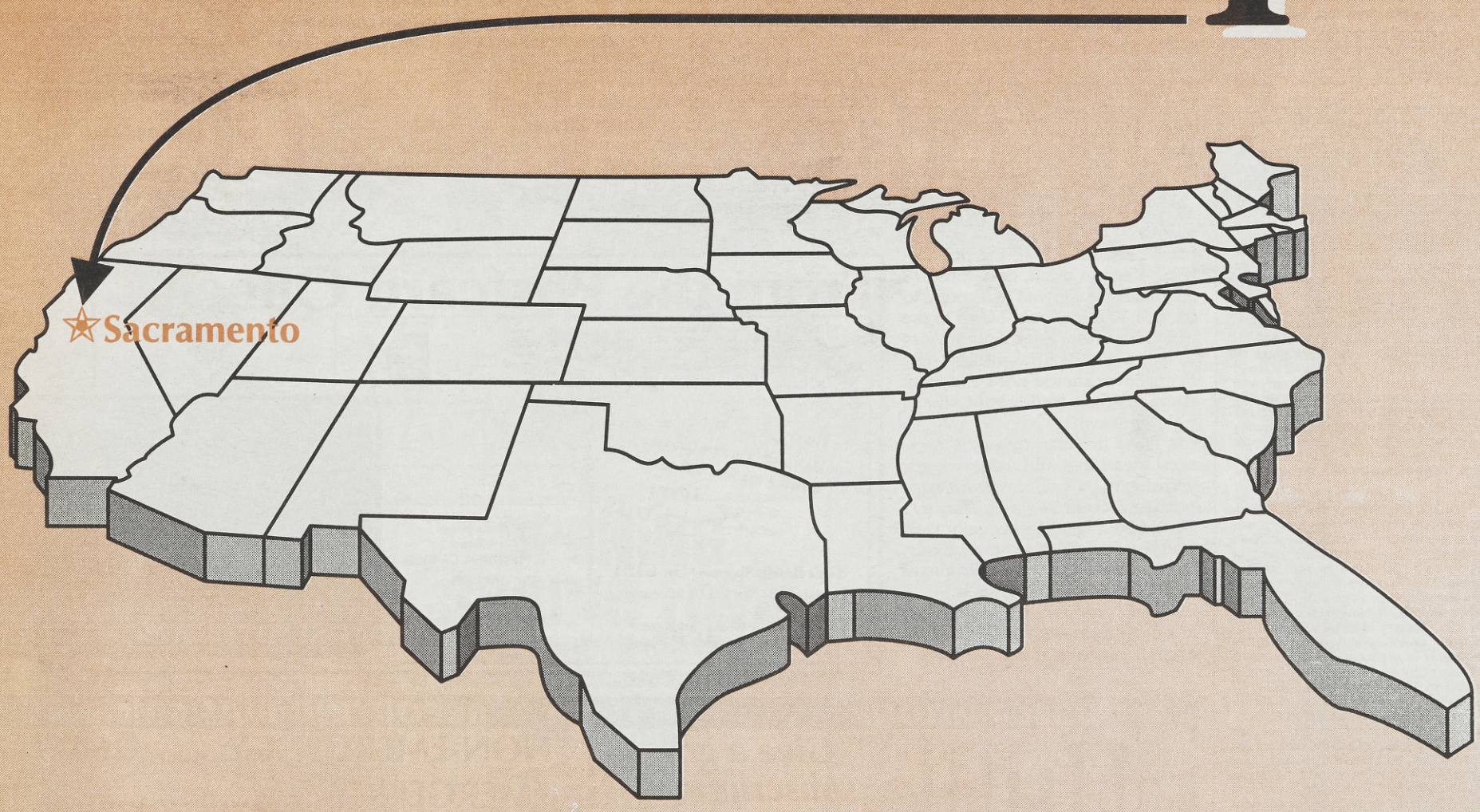

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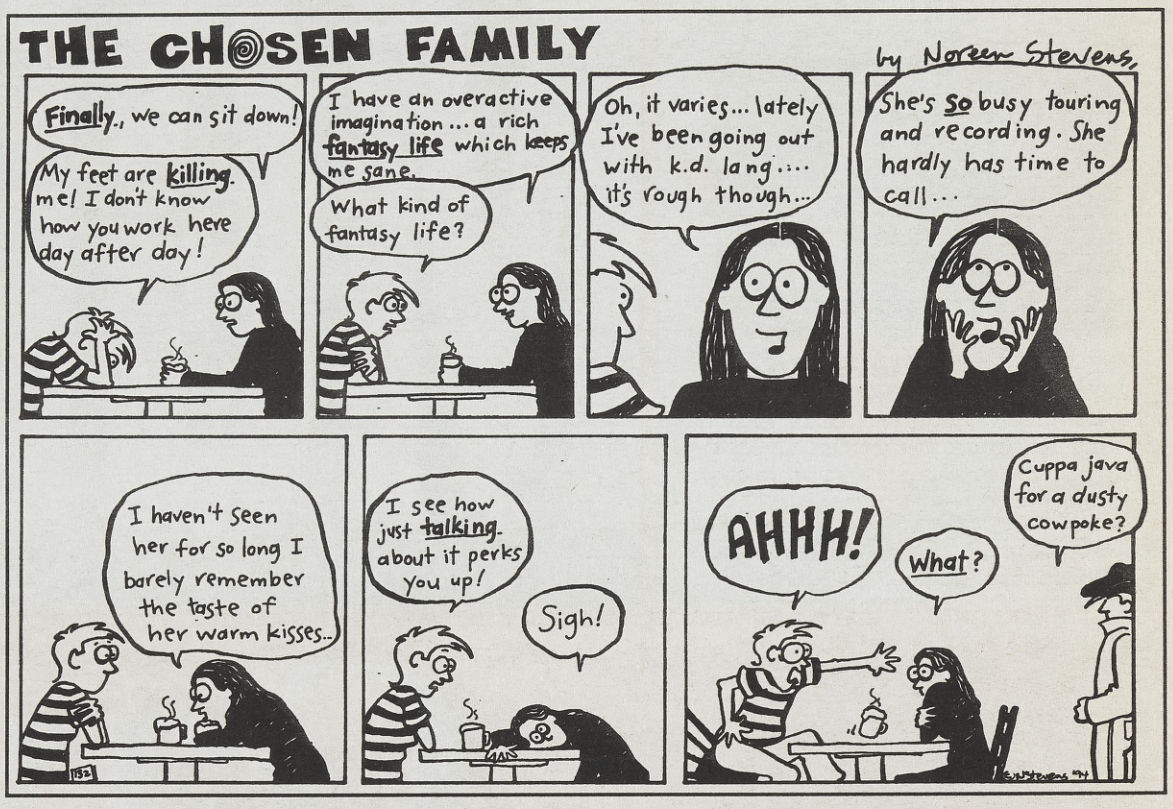
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by Noreen Stevens
Finally., we can sit down!
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Sigh!
AHHH!
What?
Cuppa java for a dusty cowpoke?

Penny Dreadful?

The following was sent to the editor of PennySaver, a direct-mail advertising and classified weekly publication based in Rancho Cordova.

I recently attempted to place an ad in the "datemaker" section of the PennySaver. However, the ad taker said that the PennySaver "does not accept ads for alternative lifestyles." Furthermore, the newspaper comments in writing, "This publication is a community, family publication... Publisher reserves the right to reject ads that do not meet the standards of acceptance of this newspaper."

PennySaver (a Capital Cities/ABC Inc. Publication) is mailed to homes within Sacramento County without the request of the recipients. It is mostly filled with want ads and recently added a dating section. PennySaver appears to have made it clear that gays and lesbians (g/l) do not fit their criteria of "standards of acceptance" and are merely second-class citizens. While protected by freedom of the press, the editor's choice not to allow g/l to advertise was obviously a moral decision and a poor business decision.

The g/l community would simply ask the PennySaver to treat all people fairly, with dignity and respect. This would allow g/l to place personal ads in the publication. Keep in mind, only those 18 and older are allowed to respond to the ads, and it should be up to the individual responder if they want to call a gay or straight ad. The PennySaver should not be making decisions for people about what's right and wrong.

Does [the PennySaver's decision] mean that all businesses advertising in the publication are supporting hatred of gays, that g/l should be treated less equally than everyone else? More than likely, these businesses are not fully aware of the PennySaver's position.

Gays and lesbians choose who to do business with and generally avoid businesses and advertisers whom are publicly anti-gay such as the PennySaver. This of course is each individual's decision.

If the PennySaver does not comply with this request [to include g/l personals], gays, lesbians and friends for equal rights may consider not supporting PennySaver advertisers since they obviously don't support us.

Sincerely,
Michael Grasso

Working Together?

Dear Editor,

I guess if I were to come up with a thesis for this letter it would be, "Having to write this letter saddens me." Being the assistant publisher for Chapter 2 Publishing, d.b.a. The Gay Community Yellow Pages, has enabled me to become aware of many problems throughout our gay community. We as gay and lesbian individuals supposedly pride ourselves in becoming what we have as a community. The irony is, a community literally means working together as a whole.

Our purpose at The Gay Community Yellow Pages is to provide a reference/resource guide to bring together gay and gay-friendly businesses with the gay community. We are not in Sacramento to mislead business owners, take away business from other gay publications, work against gay business coalitions or create negativity amongst our community. If anything, it is the absolute opposite. We sponsor Gay Pride Events, the Gay Community Center, community support groups and many other special events. We would like to work hand-in-hand with everyone--this is what community means to us. We are a Phoenix-based company that employs local Sacramento individuals. We are here for the community.

I am not only writing this letter because I believe in our directory. I am writing as a lesbian who has enough to encounter on a day-to-day basis in a straight-dominated society without having to encounter it amongst my own community. To tell you the truth, it really sickens me.

Sincerely,
Paula L. McDonald
Assistant Publisher
The Gay Community Yellow Pages

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for all your support that contributed to the success of the Edgewater Resort at Clear Lake's first "Wild Women's Weekend" which was held Sept. 20-22. Over 150 wild women attended from all over Northern California and a great time was had by all.

Due to demand, we are planning two "Wild Women Weekends" next year: May 16-18 and Sept. 12-14.

We received numerous calls from *MGW* male readers asking if were planning any events for men. You asked for it; you got it. The Edgewater Resort's first "Wild Men's Weekend" will be held next year May 2 -4 and again in the fall, Sept. 26-28, coinciding with Guerneville's Women's Weekend, so the men will have something to talk about those weekends.

What's next? All *MGW* readers are invited to our first annual potluck Thanksgiving dinner. We'll do the birds.
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Thanks again!
Sandra West and Lora Tell,
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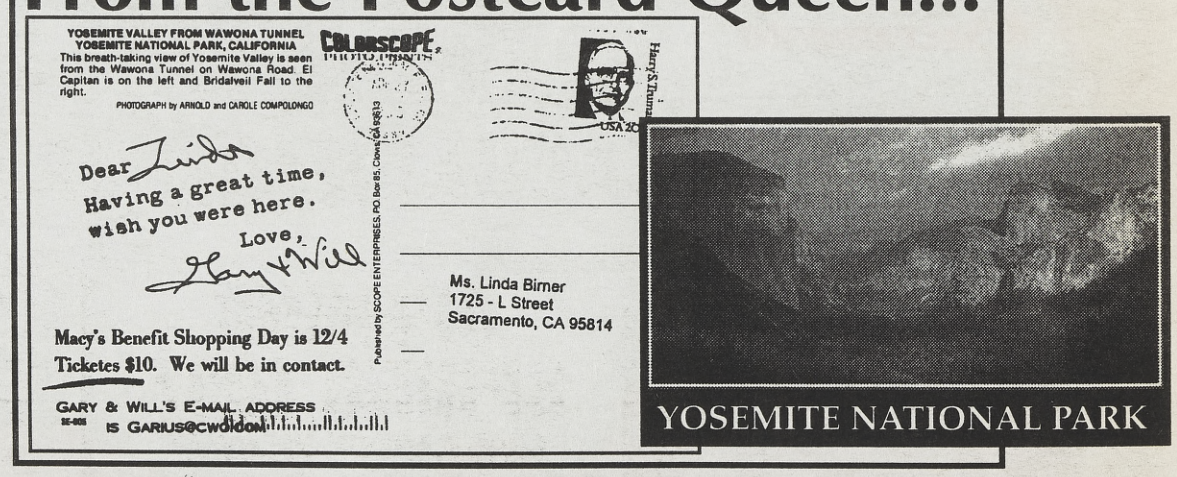
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Sacramento Hosts Gay Job Summit

A conference focusing on challenges facing lesbians and gays in the workplace will be held October 18-20 at Sacramento's Radisson Hotel. The second annual Progress Leadership Summit will feature an array of speakers and sessions sharing leadership skills and workplace-related issues for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

The keynote address will be given by LuAnn Boyland, Vice President, Southern California Region of the Pacific Bell Directory. Featured at the plenary session will be Muffin Spencer-Devlin, the first and, to date, only open lesbian in the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

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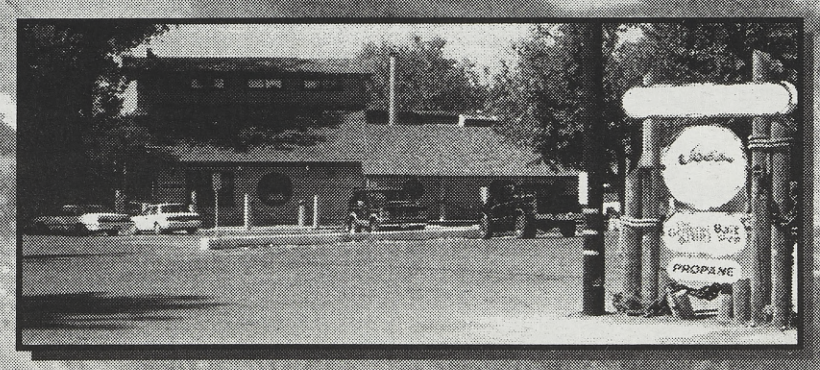

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What's So "Queer" About Affirmative Action?

by Cynthia Goldstein
Guest Writer

Affirmative Action. All around California, it's in the news almost everyday. Sometimes it's even in the gay press. Come November, we'll see its fate determined as we all decide whether or not to support state Proposition 209.

So what does it mean to us? Yes, it is important to support the women and people of color in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community who benefit directly from affirmative action programs. But why not just let the communities of color and women's groups work on affirmative action? We've got our own rights to worry about. Right?

Wrong! The way I see it, without affirmative action, we might as well stop signing petitions, shut down our civil rights organizations, tell our lobbyists to go home, and forget about filing lawsuits that fight for our rights. As a long-time activist,, I know that affirmative action has opened the door to LGBT civil rights. And I firmly believe that if affirmative action goes, that door will slam shut in our faces.

Affirmative action laws and policies are designed to include qualified people of color and women in the pool of applicants for jobs, government contracts and school admission. This is done by using education, referral services, job training and outreach. The goal is to provide an equal opportunity for under-represented groups to enter the workforce, to win government contracts, and to get a quality education.

Yet even with the gains made by affirmative action programs, more work is needed before equal opportunity exists. Today, white men hold over 95% of senior management jobs even though they make up only 43% of the workforce. Women who graduate from high school earn less than men who drop out. And businesses owned by people of color and women get fewer than 6 percent of all federal contracts.

So what does this have to do with the LGBT community? Everything. By increasing the number of women and people of color in the workforce and in schools, affirmative action creates an environment that accepts diversity. Historically, only after a workforce or school is required to include women and people of color does it begin to be open to LGBT people.

So far, affirmative action has made it possible to:

***add sexual orientation as a protected category to many workplace and academic anti-discrimination policies**

***fight for and win the right to domestic partner benefits at work and school**

***allow LGBT people to be out on the job, and**

***form student and employee groups that advocate for our rights.**

It's an illusion to think that civil rights for LGBT people will be advanced when the civil rights of others are being taken away. Besides, do you really think that the people who are behind to move to eliminate affirmative action plan to stop there? The groups working to dismantle affirmative action are the same highly-organized and well-funded groups who attack and oppose LGBT rights. You know the sting you feel when our civil rights are labeled "special rights." That's the same label used to discredit affirmative action. If the special rights and other arguments against affirmative action are successful, it will be a lot easier for these arguments to successfully block LGBT civil rights.

I know there is nothing "special" about wanting to be free from discrimination. I work every day with people who have experienced the pain of discrimination because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status.

We need to stop arguing as if there is only one piece of the pie that we all have to fight over. Affirmative action creates a bigger pie. Affirmative action helps all of us in the LGBT community. Which makes affirmative action pretty queer after all.

Cynthia Goldstein is an attorney and long-time lesbian action who works at the City and County of San Francisco Human Rights Commission. The commission recently produced a brochure on affirmative action and its importance to LGBT people. For copies, call (415) 252-2500.

▼ quotable ▼

"The undisputed evidence in this case is that ... gay and lesbian parents are just as fit and loving as heterosexual parents."--Dan Foley, an attorney representing the three gay couple suing the State of Hawaii for being denied a marriage license. Quoted in a United Press International report, Foley was responding to the Hawaii attorney general office's assertion that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is in the best interests of children. A preliminary Circuit Court ruling is expected in November. A final decision on whether gay marriage will be legalized in Hawaii, however, is not expected until 1997 because both sides have indicated they will appeal to the Hawaii Supreme Court.

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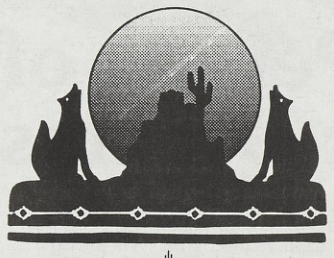

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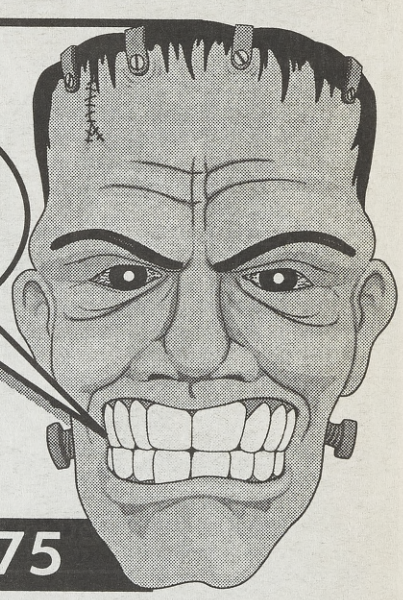
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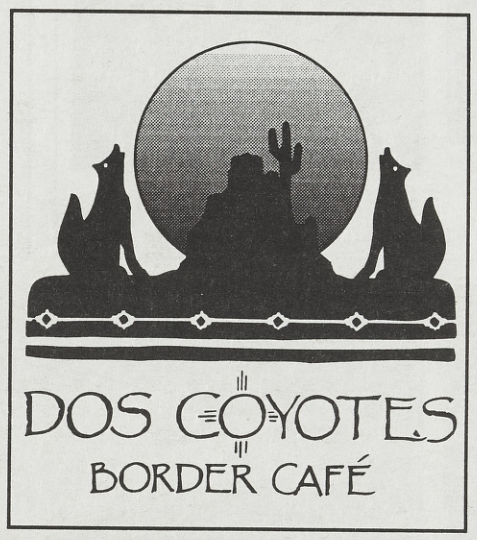
We have all heard Taco Bell's commercials– $0.59 burritos, $0.49 tacos– and we have all thought, "Hey, you can't beat that!" But has anybody actually spent just $0.59 for lunch at Taco Bell? Certainly not, unless your appetite is smaller than a thimble. TV commercials are clever: they boast of outrageously low prices while stars like Willie Nelson and Little Richard sing clever jingles, urging us to hurry and "run for the border." Unfortunately, when all is said and done, we have eaten two burritos, a chicken taco (which isn't included in the $0.49 deal– only the ground beef tacos), a steak fajita with guacamole (an added charge for the guac), an order of fries, and a large diet pepsi. What began as a $0.59 excursion has turned into a $3.50-$4.00 expense. And we still find ourselves making a convenient stop at Rick's Dessert Diner! Fortunately, we have a great inexpensive option: Dos Coyotes Border Cafe in the Arden Fair Mall: an alternative to americanized mexican food at comparable prices. This Southwestern style cafe boasts quick service and scrumptious mexican food– from the Mahi Mahi Fish Taco ($2.65) to the Yucatan Chicken Salad ($6.95). One of the best deals is the Southwest Burrito ($4.25), a huge flour tortilla stuffed with cheese, guacamole, fresh salsa, and a choice of marinated, charbroiled steak, chicken, or veggie. This is no three ounce Taco Bell morsel; it is a two-hand burrito, and comes with tortilla chips and all the salsa your heart and arteries can handle. Dos Coyotes makes their salsa daily. They offer six kinds– from a mellow mild to a hot that'll clear your nasal passages– which are available at a self-service counter near the back of the store. Self-service is the way things are done here: you stand in line to place your order, and then keep a sharp eye out for one of the few tables inside or on the patio in front. There are no waiters or waitresses, just a server who will bring food and drinks to your table. That is, if you are fast enough to land a table in this busy place. For those who are not, it is usually fairly easy to find a barstool at a counter. Once seated, you can sip coke from hand-blown mexican glasses, soak up the bustling activity, and take a look at the decor. The bunches of chili peppers hanging from the ceiling and the metal sculptures add a nice southwestern touch. Plastered to the counters are a collage of colored tiles, with mexican serapes completing the Border Cafe's desert appearance. The ambiance is busy and noisy–not a romantic 'dinner for two' restaurant. If libation is your destination, swill a bottle of Tecate with a pinch of salt and lime, and watch the cooks prepare the food: the kitchen is open, directly behind the cash register. On a busy night, most nights, the grill is covered from front to back with charbroiled chicken, steak, mahi mahi, and jumbo shrimp. If you're exceptionally hungry, order the Navajo Nachos, a mound of tortilla chips, sour cream, cheese, guacamole, black beans, and an option of chicken or steak. If it's a bit much, take it with you– Dos Coyotes' take-out containers are fluorocarbon free. One word of warning: pay attention to who's behind you in line: the cooks put out so much food they lose an order here and there, and you could end up spending a lot more time waiting than you are willing. One way to avoid the lines is to call ahead and order take out, which is significantly faster than sitting down to eat. The cuisine at Dos Coyotes Border Cafe is healthy, hearty, and delicious. There is also a Davis location in the Marketplace Mall off Covell Ave. There is no smoking inside, and no alcoholic beverages outside. Most important, the prices are reasonable: you'll spend only a couple dollars more than at Taco Bell. Besides, does Willie Nelson really eat at Taco Bell?▼



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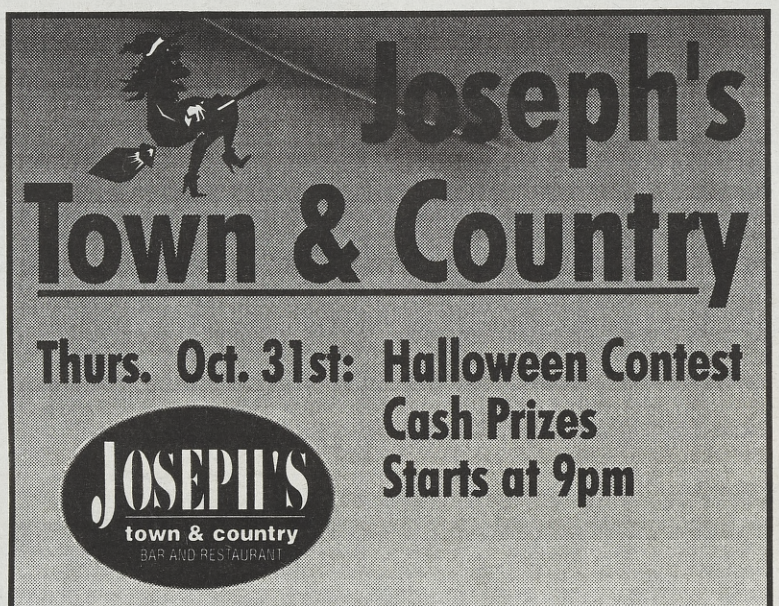

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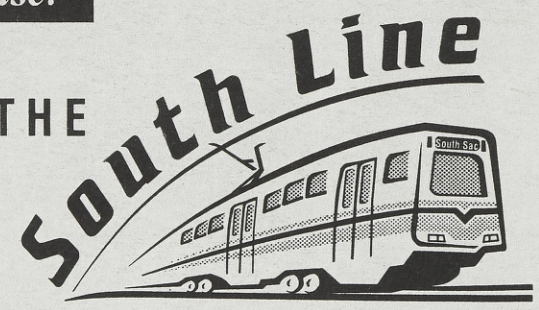

Environmental Document:

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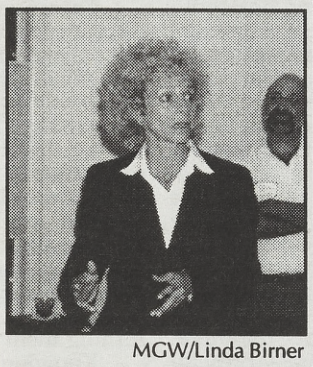
Migden Decries "Hypocrisy" of Tobacco Companies

Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) has criticized the tobacco industry for targeting its products to the gay and lesbian community while at the same time funding anti-gay candidates.

Migden cited the Lucky Strike stage backdrop at last month's Folsom Street fair as the most recent example of the industry's gay-event sponsorship. At the same time, she said, tobacco companies helped fund the campaigns of 37 of the 41 Republican members of the state Assembly. In particular, she noted, tobacco interests in 1994 provided an 11th-hour $125,000 donation to Assemblyman Steven Kuykendall (R-Long Beach) that aided him in capturing the seat from an incumbent Democrat and helped Republicans ultimately gain control of the Assembly. As the majority party, Assembly Republicans have pursued an extremely conservative and anti-gay agenda.



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Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) addresses a Sacramento fundraiser on Sept. 18 at the home of Donna Yutzy and LIFE Lobby's Laurie McBride.

"Personally, I find all these conservatives taking all this tobacco money a little hypocritical," Migden on Oct. 3 told "Alive with Pleasure!", a group dedicated to preventing tobacco and alcohol problems in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. "They claim to care about the fetus, yet smoking causes 100,00 miscarriages a year in the United States. They claim to care about families, but are silent about teenage smoking. They rail against kids having access to condoms, but not cigarettes. How can Jesse Helms denounce homosexuality as a threat to public health, but not denounce cigarettes?"▼

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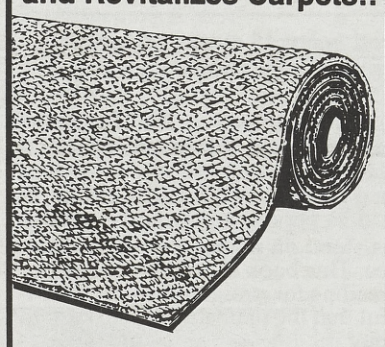

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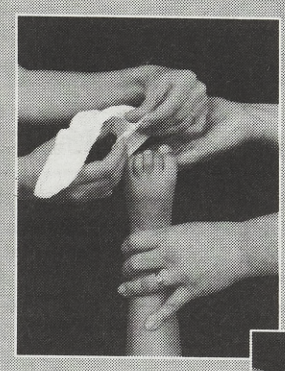

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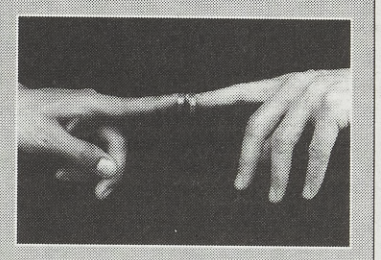

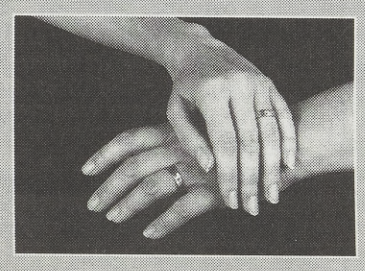

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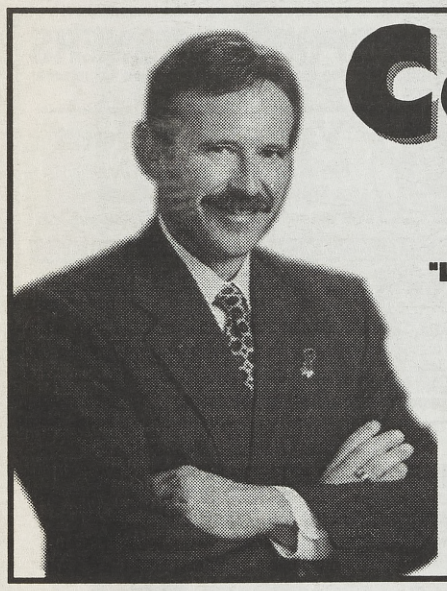

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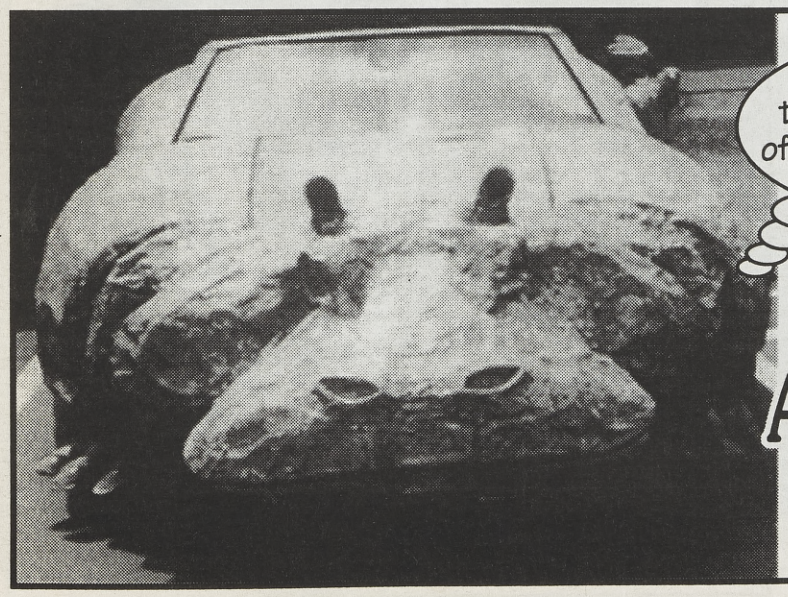

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Adult & Aging Commision	open filing	3 general public
Adv. Com. for Persons with Disibilities	open filing	3 gen. public, 5 disabled mem.
Adv. Board on Alcohol & Drug Prog.	open filing	3 general public
Agricultural Advisory Committee	open filing	3 farming/livestock reps
Agricultural Advisory Committee	11/18/96-11/29/96	2 farming/livestock reps
Arden-Arcade Comm. Plan. Adv. Coun.	11/18/96-11/29/96	5 residents of area
Assesment Appeals Board	open filing	1 member seat
Board of Plumbing Examiners	open filing	1 college instr., 1 public member
Building Board of Appeals	11/18/96-11/29/96	1 general public, 1 fire district, 1 plumbing contractor, 1 electical engineer
Carmichael Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	11/18/96-11/29/96	1 resident of area
Citrus Hts Comm. Plan. Adv. Council	open filing	5 residents of area
Cosumnes Area Comm. Plan. Adv. Coun.	open filing	1 resident of area
Consumnes Area CPAC	10/14/96-10/25/96	7 residents of area
County Service Area #4B	open filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4C	open filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4C	11/18/96-11/29/96	1 resident of area
Count. Serv. Area 4D - Herald/Alta Mesa	open filing	3 residents of area
Developmental Disabilities Plan&Adv Coun.	11/18-11/29	1 parent member, 2 prof. members, 1 public member
Elk Grove Comm. Plan. Adv. Coun.	open filing	1 resident of area
Fair Oaks Cemetery District	11/18/96-11/29/96	3 residents of area
Galt-Arno Cemetery District	open filing	1 resident of area
Human Rights/Fair Housing comm.	open filing	1 landlord rep.
Law Library Board of Trustees	11/18/96-11/29/96	1 lawyer seat
Maternal, Child & Adol. Health Adv Bd.	11/18/96-11/29/96	1 health prof., 1 parent
Paratransit, Inc.	open filing	1 general public member
Public Health Advisory Comm.	11/18/96-11/29/96	3 comm. mem., 1 pub. health member, 1 health prof member
Recreation & Park Commission	11/18/96-11/29/96	2 residents of area
Rio Linda/Elverta Comm. Plan Adv Coun	open filing	1 resident of area
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Sac County Mental Health Board	open filing	2 public interest members
Sac County Mental Health Board	11/18/96-11/29/96	2 pub. int. mem., 2 fam. mem.
Sac Metropolitan Arts Commission	open filing	1 community member
Sac Sports Commission	open filing	4 members-at-large (one of whom must be female)
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Commission/Committee	Opens/Closes	Positions
Affirmative Action Adv. Committee	until 11/1/96	1 opening
Civil Service Board	until 11/1/96	1 resident of city
Construc. Codes Adv. & Appeals Board	until 10/18/96	5 openings
Minority/Women Business Ent. Adv. Comm.	until 11.8.96	7 openings
Oak Park Proj. Area Committee	until 10/25/96	3 openings
Phy. Handicapped Persons Appl.s Bd.	until 11/1/96	1 opening
Richards Blvd. Advisory Comm.	until 11/1/96	13 openings
Sac Heritage, Inc. Board of Dir.	open filing	1 opening
Sac Housing & Redvelopment Comm.	until 10/25/96	3 openings

Applications will be accepted from the date the filing period begins until the closing date at 5pm. One the second Wednesday following the closing of the filing period, the Board of Supervisors will consider the applications during the regular Board meeting. If a majority of the Board members present decide interviews are necessary, applicants under consideration will be interviewed. Info: 440-5411; Sac Co. Bulletin Board System (BBS) via personal computer 441-0122, 441-1135.

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Disorienting Sexuality

Reviewed by Arlyne Jones
MGW/Staff

Disorienting Sexuality. 299 pages. Good Index. 15 essays edited by Thomas Domenici & Ronnie C. Lesser. Routledge publishing.

Considering how straight women have suffered at Freud's hands, lesbians and gays may be hesitant to choose this book, as it has a huge picture of the master on the cover.

However, this is deceptive, as the content contradicts the cover. In 15 essays, the concept of conformity and its pervasive effect on everyone who does not fit the norm is carefully examined and analyzed featuring gay and lesbian therapists.

The question of what is normal is stood on its head, as it ought to be. This book should be obligatory reading for straights, but it is doubtful that the mainstream will rush to buy it.

Oddly enough, Freud was first in regarding l/g preferences as a variation in normalcy, rather than as a perversion. I suspect he would have given more validity to gay men than to lesbian women, but then, Freud never was a cheerleader for women.

Difficult reading, it is worth plowing through, a scholarly work that covers all of its bases. My favorite chapter was the "Bee Charmer" article, which analyzes Fannie Flagg's work, but every essay has something to say about the biases g/l's face, and how they are ignored or obscured by the culture.

Essay #1 covers the need to form a positive lesbian identity and the role of mourning in this process in order to have a healthy view of oneself. Mourning occurs in both heterosexuals and homosexuals, as both have a latent opposing identity to integrate. Bisexuality is the norm,whether latent or active, and the more conflicted the latent identity is, the harder it is to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The implications for the therapist, especially heterosexual therapists,is clear.

Subsequent essays deal with the ways in which the homosexual identity is coopted and dealt with by heterosexual therapists, and how unresolved issues of homosexual therapists can get in the way of good therapy. Patients themselves, may, because of their fear of rejection, uncovered shame, and unconscious projective identification with the therapist, sabotage themselves.

Patients identify with their therapists, want to please them, and do so by projecting a view of their relationships they think the therapist wants to hear, thereby presenting a false view of themselves. Therapists may have an unconscious need to "cure" the homosexual, because of his or her own fears. A heterosexual therapist may feel that his or her view of the world is the correct one, taking a paternalistic, patronizing view of g/l issues.

Therapists often see themselves as agents of socialization, who lead their patients to the "Truth", not knowing what "truth" is for everyone, but only their version of it. We are all victims of cultural coercion, and therapists are often purveyors of that coercion.

Therapy should be a journey of discovery for both the therapist and the patient, and humility is necessary for the therapist, just as courage to have integrity is essential for the patient. Faced with a hostile culture, this is a difficult task for the g/l patient.

Ultimately, this book attempts to point out the pitfalls of therapy as the g/l individual may experience them.It also shows how a culture steeped in homophobia creates homophobia in g/l individuals, turning them against themselves.

Knowing that one of the worst aspects of culture is its tendency to be reductive of all individuuals may be the best message of this book. It will arm the g/l individual with the knowledge that he/she is seeking help in alien ground, no matter how many degrees are on the wall. Forewarned is forearmed.▼

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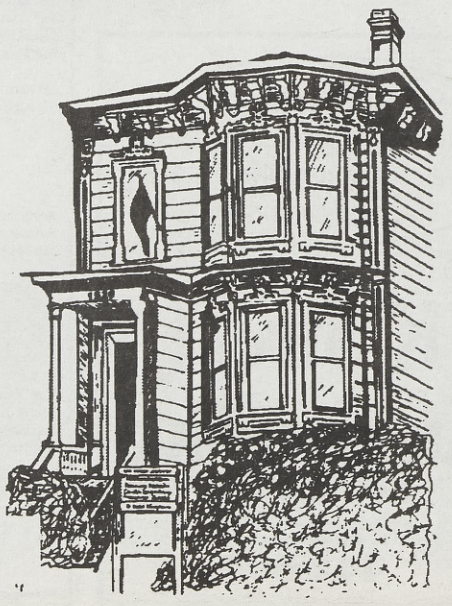

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Madonna a Mom and Prince a Parent

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

Next month, it's time for Madonna and child. No, I'm not talking about Christmas, but the due date for **Madonna's** baby girl already named Lola. If you haven't already gotten her a gift, she has enough Gaultier jumpers, leather diapers and metal-studded teething rings. Now we just have to think of something for the baby.▼▼▼

A bouncing baby will also soon be welcomed by the artist formerly known as **Prince** and his alleged wife, Mayte. The two married last February and rumor has it that Prince jumped out of the cake at his own bachelor party.▼▼▼

Designer **Isaac Mizrahi** hosts a TV festival on the American Movie Classic cable channel from Oct. 28-December. Mizrahi has chosen 10 movies with a strong fashion senses. The titles include, "The Lady Eve," "That Touch of Mink," and "Auntie Mame."▼▼▼

Doug Savant's character on "Melrose Place" will find a new lover this season, played by **Greg Evigan** ("Tekwar").▼▼▼

A story on "New York Undercover" will focus on the case of a murdered businessman discovered to be a closeted bisexual with AIDS.▼▼▼

Sandra Bernhard guests stars on an episode of "Highlander, The Series" as a romance novelist whose character is based on Duncan MacLeod. In an episode of "Frasier," the elder Dr. Crane, played by **Kelsey Grammer**, has a recurring erotic dream about the radio station's queeny restaurant critic.▼▼▼

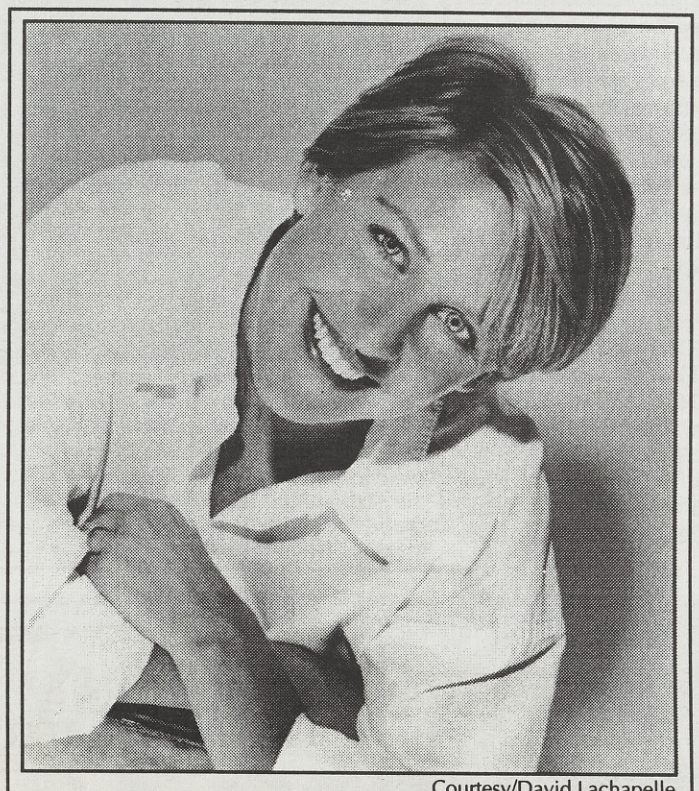
Grammer--who at press time was in drug rehab at the Betty Ford Center--plans to produce a film version of co-star Dan Butler's one-man show "The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me" through his Gramnet Production company. In last month's San Francisco Examiner, writer Edward Guthmann couldn't resist printing that openly gay actor Butler was **"reared in Fort Wayne, Ind."** I guess the word "raised" would have provided an equally awkward double entendre.▼▼▼

Autumn is in the air and Shakespeare is everywhere on film. The latest updating of "Romeo and Juliet" starring **Leonard DiCaprio** ("Total Eclipse) and **Clare Danes** ("My So Called Life") opens this week. **Trevor Nunn's** version of "Twelfth Night" opens Oct. 25. The gender-bending comedy of errors has a Victorian setting and stars **Nigel Hawthorne, Helena Bonham Carter** ("Maurice") and **Richard E. Grant** "(Ready to Wear"). **Kenneth Branagh's** 3 hour-45 minute version of "Hamlet" opens in December and on Oct. 15, Branagh begins his next film in Boston called "Shakespeare's Sister."

Cinemax will air a new segment of its series "Reel Life" on Oct. 20 which looks at cross-dressing.▼▼▼

A revamped version of "RuPaul's Party Machine" debuted as **"The RuPaul Show"** on VH1 Oct. 12 and airs weekly at 8 pm. The self-professed Glamazon interviews guests who include **Whoopi Goldberg, Cher and Dennis Rodman**. Let's hope we won't see the Rodman and Ru wearing the same dresses.▼▼▼

Fans of musical theater owe a debt of thanks to AEI Records for releasing a new collection of songs from gay musicals titled "Family Jewels." The CD covers shows from 1975-95 offering cuts from Scott Miller's vampire musical "In the Blood," Mark Savage's coming-of-age musical "The Ballad of Little Mikey," John Glines' "Gulp," "AIDS, The Musical," as well as "Boy Meets Boy" and "Gay '90s Musical." This unique sampler is available at record stories or AEI at (818) 904-9741. Next year, AEI will release the soundtrack to **"Out on Broadway."** The hit New Line Theatre revue features songs by gay and bisexual composers.



Courtesy/David Lachapelle

Will she or won't she? If Ellen DeGeneres' TV character declares she's gay, lesbian actress Amanda Bearse of "Married ... With Children" has offered to do a guest spot as her love interest.

Ellen DeGeneres has hit all the TV talk shows promoting her new comedy CD. She's been very tight-lipped about changers in her show while offering explanations like, "It's all a misunderstanding; she's going to find out she's Lebanese." Ellen stars in direct Roland Joffe's next film, "Goodbye Lover" (Ooh, a non-gender title). Co-starring is Patricia Arquette ("Flirting With Disaster"), sister of Alexis ("Wigstock").

Gay porn star **Aiden Shaw** has a "novel" new career. His book "Brutal," already distributed in his native Britain, is making the rounds in the U.S. The story is about a male prostitute in therapy coping with drug abuse and HIV. Shaw is already wrapping up his next novel to hit the states next spring.▼▼▼

San Francisco's M.H. de Young Museum has an exhibition of **Don Bachardy's** work through Dec. 1. Another Bachardy exhibit open this month at London's National Portrait Gallery. Bachardy is well known for his 33-year relationship with the late Christopher Isherwood ("The Berlin Stories"). HarperCollins is about to publish volume on of "The Isherwood Diaries" beginning with the author's arrival in the U.S. in 1939 and continuing through 1960 when he met then 18-year-old Bachardy.▼▼▼

Shown at L.A.'s Outfest and heading for distribution is Stephen Winter's film "Chocolate Babies," a satire about a group of HIV-positive Asian and black drag queens who form a terrorist gang to attach homophobic politicians.▼▼▼

Stanley Tucci's new movie "Big Night" was co-directed by Tucci and **Campbell Scott** ("Longtime Companion") and stars **Ian Holm, Isabella Rossellini, Tony Shalhoub** ("Wings) and **Minnie Driver** ("Circle of Friends"). It's definitely an art-house film and, to its detriment, was obviously directed by two different people. Though the script is weak, there are good performances and food which rivals, "Babette's Feast."

EVENTS...

"Queerspace: A Gay and Lesbian Celebration of Art and Experience" will take place at venues in and around West Hollywood from Nov. 6-10. Among the productions are "The Burning Bush," "The Last Reading of Charlotte Cushman by Carolyn Gage and Kaliyuga Art's "Beauty" based on Genet's work, which just concluded a run at San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros. Info: (213) 661-1982.▼▼▼

The world premiere of **"Pieces of the Quilt,"** a collection of short plays written by **Edward Albee, Tony Kushner, David Henry Hwang, Lanford Wilson** and others takes place at San Francisco's Fort Mason Oct. 22-Nov. 17. The production is the brainchild of actor Sean San Jose Blackman and is dedication to his mother who died of AIDS two years ago. The show's run benefits the Names Project and Project Open Hand.▼▼▼

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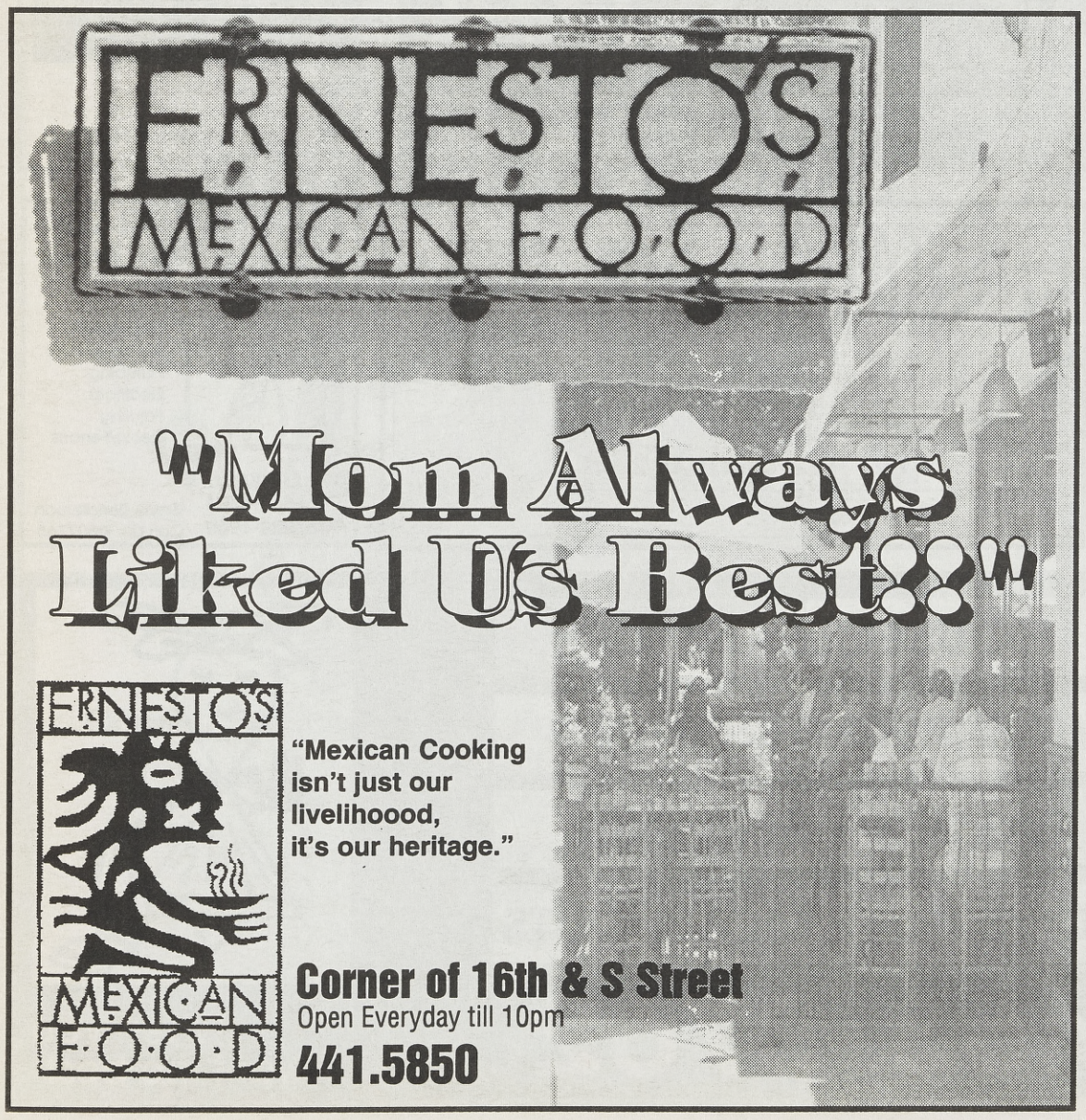
"I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific."
- Lily Tomlin.



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Halloween Holiday Weekend: Where to Dress Up and Hoe Down

by Steve Kulieke
Executive Editor

When Halloween falls on a weekday, the celebrations often spill over into the closest weekend. Such is the case this year with two of Sacramento's hottest bars extending the party beyond a single October 31 observance.

Faces, the city's premier dance club, gay or straight, is pitching a big-top tent to be the setting for four nights of parties, from sequins to spurs.

Wedesday, Oct. 30, a Drag Queen Halloween at 10 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, "Faces Does Halloween--11 Years Later" at 11 p.m. Best Costume contests in 11 categories will be held over the two nights awarding $1,375 in cash and prizes. (Yes, that's a lot of 11s.) Categories range from conventional Halloween ghosts and goblins to dead or alive Country Western stars.

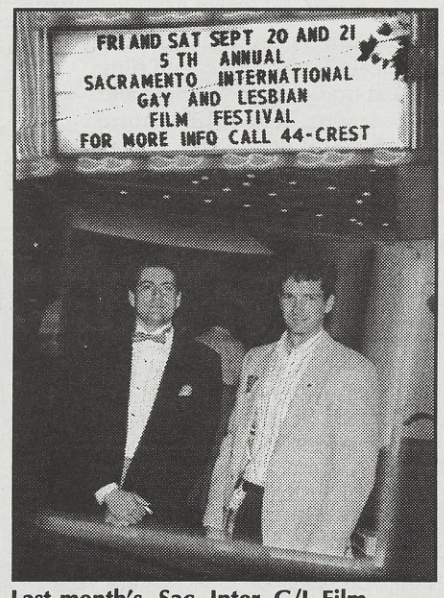
Saturday, Nov. 1 will find cowboys and cowgals two-steppin' at a country western hoedown at 8 p.m, competing for $500 in dance contest prizes. Sacramento's own gay/lesbian rodeo group, Capitol Crossroads Rodeo Chapter, will be on hand along with g/l rodeo riders from San Francisco.

The **Wreck Room** has two big nights of trick and treat in store. On **Oct. 31**, drafts are $1 and domestic bottled beers are $1.25 for those in costume. A break out the kegger/all-you-can-drink (now where's that designated driver costume) is planned for **Nov. 1** from 8 p.m. to midnight. Reduced admission in costume.

Joseph's Town & Country will host a Halloween costume contest with cash prizes. The fun starts **Oct. 31** at 9 p.m.

The Mirage brings a gay Halloween to downtown Sacramento with a **Oct. 31** party from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Drink specials are featured all night, and prizes for best costume will be awarded in three categories--male, female and couple.

The **Townhouse**, whose sign must be the largest of any gay bar in America, will offer happy hour prices on drinks all Halloween night, **Oct. 31**. And no doubt, "Monster Mash" karaoke.▼



Last month's Sac. Inter. G/L Film Festival raised over $3,000 for the Lambda Center and Hand-to-Hand, a buddy program for people with AIDS. Showing their pride at the success of the fifth annual festival are chairman David Demit (left) and committee member Robin Skalsky.

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"Best" / "Worst" Legislators on Gay Issues

A scorecard of which California legislators support equal justice for gays and lesbians and which do not was unveiled by the Lambda Letters Project Oct. 9 at the State Capitol.

The project gave 55 state legislators a failing grade for their votes on 10 bills addressing g/l, women's, AIDS/HIV and people of color issues. A score of 0% is the worst possible score and 100% the highest. The project assigned a failing grade to any legislator who cast gay and minority-friendly votes less than 65% of the time.

Three area state senators were included in the "Best and Worst Senators" list. Sen. Leroy Greene (D-Sacramento) made the "Best" list with a score of 100%. Greene is retiring under term limits in 1998. Senators Maurice Johannessen (R-Redding) and Dick Monteith (R-Modesto) received the worst possible score of 0%. Johannessen and Monteith aren't up for reelection until 1998.

Sen. Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) scored very highly with a 95% score. Johnston is up for reelection Nov. 5 and has taken heat from anti-gay forces for proposing gay domestic partner rights when faced with a Republican effort to ban gay marriages. Sen. Tim Leslie (R-Roseville), also up for reelection, received a failing grade from the project with a 10% score.

In the Assembly, retiring legislators Phil Isenberg (D-Sacramento) and Tom Hannigan (D-Fairfield) both made the "Best" list with a 100% grade. Three assemblymen up for reelection on Nov. 5 all received failing grades: Larry Bowler (R-Elk Grove) 10%; George House (R-Modesto) 11%; and Tom Woods (R-Redding) 30%.

"We are issuing Lambda Letters' Scorecard...to notify California legislators that we are out of the closet and into the voting booth," said project Board Chair Catherine Borger. "We urge all fair-minded people to use this information as they make critical decisions on whom to vote for in November."

Voters may order a copy of the score card by sending $2.00 and their name and address to: The Lambda Letters Project 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Further info: (916) 965-6851, 965-1081 (FAX); E-mail: LambdaLP@aol.com.▼

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LIFE--California's lesbian/gay and AIDS lobby--celebrated its 10th anniversary with a Sept. 7 dinner in Los Angeles that featured (from left) Olympian Greg Louganis, Executive Director Laurie McBride, Assembly Democratic leader Richard Katz and lobby co-chair, Pearl Jamison-Smith. The Northern California 10th Anniversary Awards Dinner will be held Oct. 19 at San Francisco's Miyako Hotel. Info: (916) 444-0424 or (415) 634-9700.

Breast Awareness Art Shirt Contest

In honor of "Breast Cancer Awareness" month, a lesbian health education group is sponsoring an art shirt contest focusing on early detection and survival.

Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians (HEAL) has set a Oct. 20 deadline for submissions to the contest. Entries should be at least 2 x 2 feet in size, and may employ a variety of paints, fabric and materials. The "shirt" decorated may be a T-shirt, halter, blouse or brassiere.

"This is the ideal avenue for sharing with the world the [women of our community's] anguishing challenge of survival," said Heal President Janice Simmons. "Each of us can create an artistic memory for a loved one, or a message to future generations.."

Selected entries will be sewn into a "Breast Cancer Awareness" pillow and be on display at the "Brassiere" party at the Townhouse at 4 p.m. on Oct. 27. Entries should be submitted to the Lambda Center. Info: 442-0185. ▼

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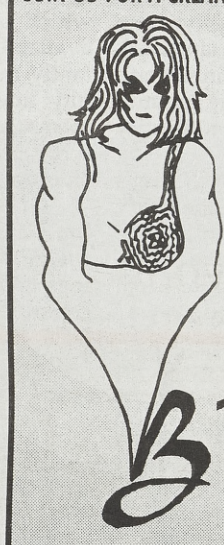
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Breakthrough UC Davis Study Focuses on Prevalence of Antigay Hate Crimes

by Stephen Kulieke
MGW Executive Editor

In 1986, research psychologist Gregory Herek testified on behalf of the American Psychological Association at Congressional hearings on antigay violence. Those hearings, and intense lobbying by gay advocates, led to the inclusion of sexual orientation as a category in the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

Enacted in 1990, the law was the first federal legislation to explicitly acknowledge the problem of prejudice based on sexual orientation. Under the act, the FBI is required to collect statistics on hate crimes compiled from local police agencies, including Sacramento.

The hearings also served as a genesis for Dr. Herek applying for and being awarded a federally-funded grant on the psychological consequences of antigay hate crimes. The results of the landmark study--the first of its kind in size and scale--were released to the community at the Lambda Community Center last month.

Herek, a research psychologist at UC Davis, conducted the study with Dr. J. Roy Gillis, Dr. Jeanine Cogan, and colleagues at the Northern California Community Research Group. The 4-year study was funded by a $600,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, part of the giant National Institutes of Health federal agency. Over the last four-years, researchers compiled questionnaires and/or conducted follow-up interviews with nearly 2300 Sacramento area gay men, lesbians and bisexuals.

The projects shed light on a subject--antigay victimization and its psychological aftermath--for which little data previously was available. Perhaps just as importantly, the study profiles a community: how Sacramento gays look at themselves and interact at work and with friends and family (see sidebar).

The study's principal investigator, Herek recently sat down with *MGW* to discuss the research findings and to thank the Sacramento community for its support.

What surprised Herek the most about the results? The findings "that gay and lesbian hate crime survivors have high levels of psychological stress for longer periods of time" than gay victims of non-hate related random crime, he observed.

With random crime, signs of psychological distress--depression, stress and anger--generally drop down to normal levels after about three years. But victims of gay hate crimes are still experiencing high levels of stress three and even five years after the incident.

In early results from the study to be published next year, Herek and his colleagues analyze this critical finding: "Because an antigay hate crime represents an attack on the victim's gay identity and her or his community, it is likely that the psychological consequences of such a crime includes effects on the victim's feelings about herself or himself as a gay person and on her or his feelings toward the gay community."

The UC Davis survey found that "hate crime victimization is a serious problem in the Sacramento area." Nearly 1/5 of the women and more than 1/4 of the men had experienced a crime or attempted crime based on their sexual orientation since the age of 16. Other forms of harassment were routine. More than half of respondents were the target of antigay verbal abuse, and 1/5 had been threatened with violence, chased or both. Sixteen percent reported being targets of workplace discrimination.

This past summer, Herek and his colleagues presented findings from the study for the third year in a row at the American Psychological Association convention. "We've always received a very positive and enthusiastic response," said Herek. "This was the first year that we had close to final results."

Results from the pilot-testing phase of the study will be published next year in The Journal of Interpersonal Violence. Researchers have not yet decided whether final results of the study will be published in book form or as a series of articles in a professional journal.

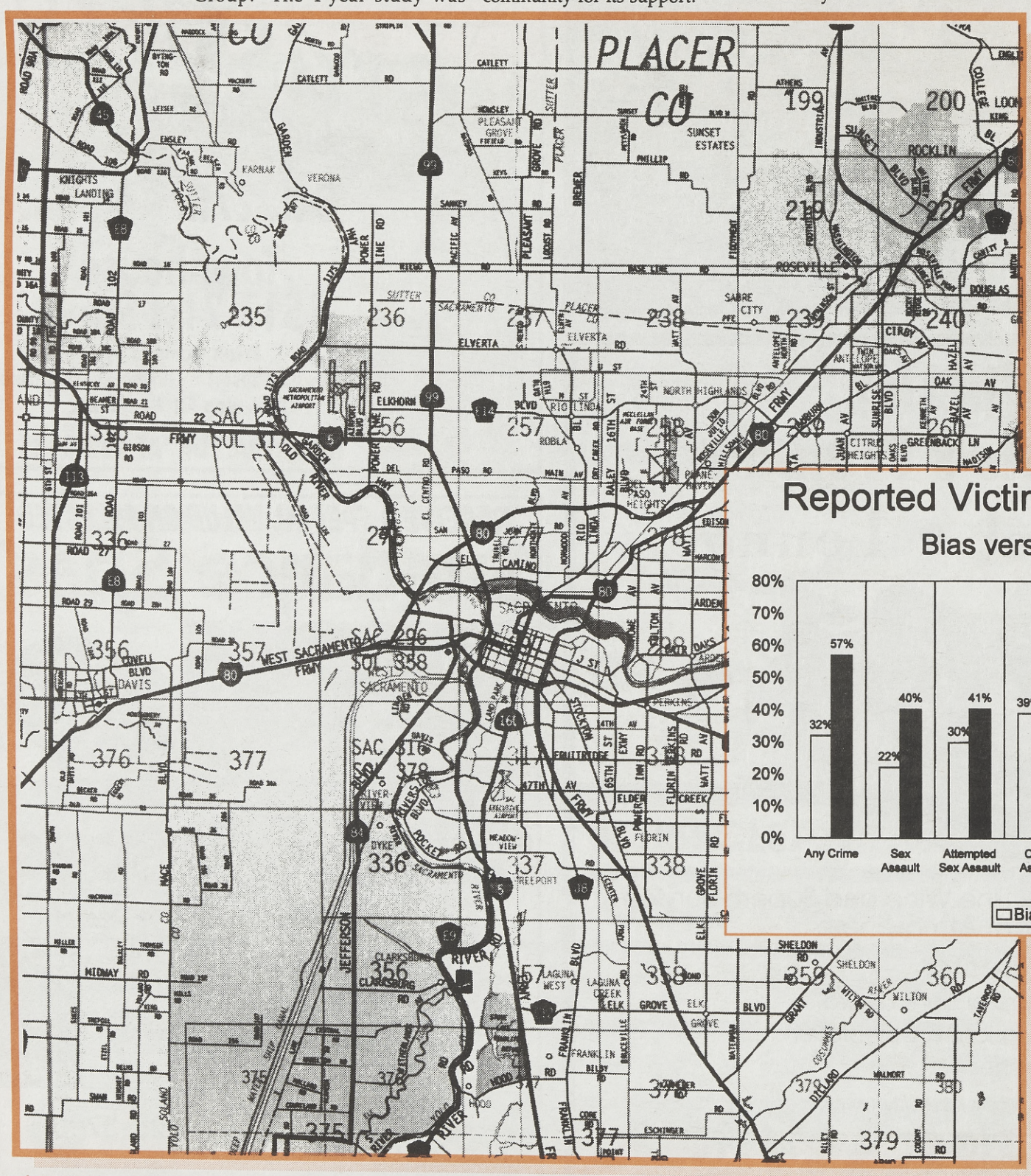
Herek had nothing but praise for the Sacramento gay, lesbian and bisexual community for its enthusiastic participation in the study.

"When we first proposed the study and realized that we would need to collect data from more than 2,000 people, a number of my colleagues expressed the belief that we couldn't get that many people in the [Sacramento] area," he said. " In fact, although it took a lot of hard work to reach all the people in our sample, they understood [the study's] importance and were very generous in taking the time to fill out the questionnaire or be interviewed.

"The success of the study is largely due to the tremendous support we received from the local community. Our presentation at the Lambda Center was our way of expressing our gratitude and giving something back to the community."

Herek and his colleagues are already at work on another gay community-based study, although on a much smaller scale. UC Davis researchers will be looking at the experiences of approximately 300 gay and bisexual Sacramento area men in the AIDS era.

"We're [once again] looking at the big picture--a study of identity and community against the backdrop of AIDS.▼



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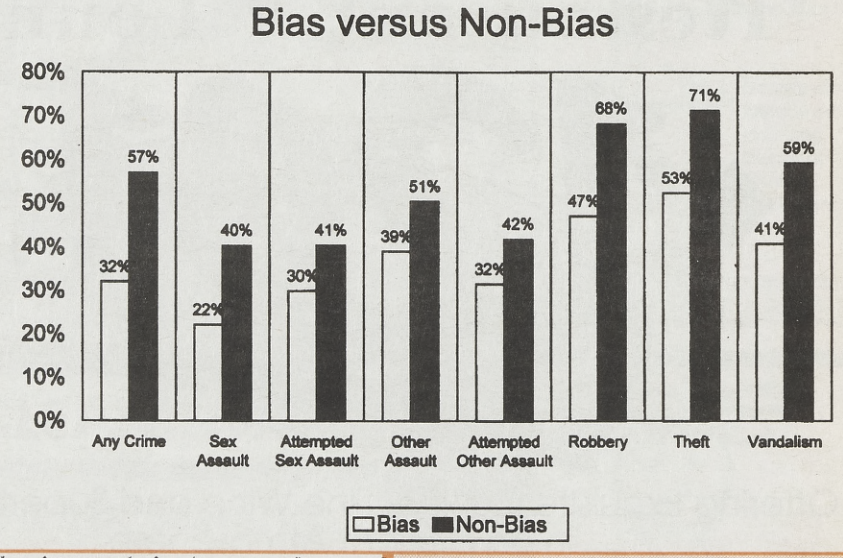

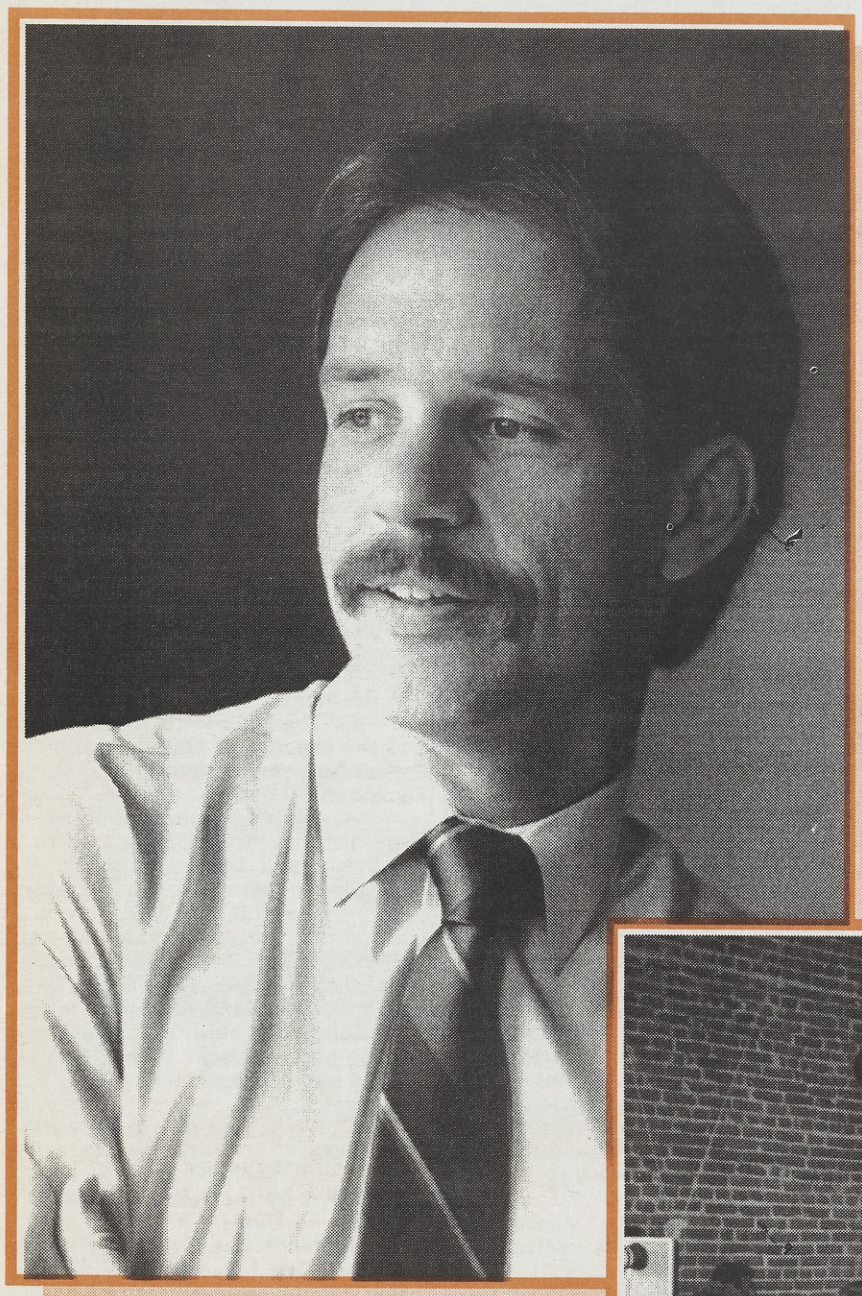

Dr. Gregory Herek (above) was the project's principal investigator. Research findings were presented Sept. 25 at the Lambda Community Center (right).

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Putting the Research into Action

Antigay hate crime is a fact of life in America. The victims can suffer long-term psychological effects, exacerbated by the stigmatized status of gays in society.

How or where can these chief findings of the UC Davis study be used? Dr. Herek sees three areas:

***Law and Policy**: Herek believes that the results of the study should be useful to policy makers and elected officials as they work to formulate laws to better address the issue of hate crimes. "The argument [is often made] that we don't need hate crime legislation because it is already illegal to assault, rob or vandalize," said Herek. ""Our study indicates that hate crimes differ significantly from other crimes because of the psychological impact on the victim."

***Mental Health Programs**: In a soon-to-be-published professional paper on the initial findings of the study, the UC Davis researchers state unequivocally that, "The need is clear for programs to prevent [antigay] violence and to respond to the needs of survivors." Moreover, research findings should prove useful to mental health professionals working with survivors of such hate crimes. "It's important for someone providing counseling or therapy to hate crime survivors [to understand that] the psychological recovery may take longer," said Herek.

***Hate Crime Survivors**: The study can have benefits on a personal level for those hurt by hate crimes. A person knows they were physically attacked but may not understand the related psychological trauma. "A hate crime survivor feeling depression, anger and distress [from an event] two years ago may not make the connection," said Herek. "We're trying to get the word out so people realize how serious a problem hate crime is in the community and so people targeted for hate crime have insight into their own experience."▼

"Snapshots" of A Community: Gay and Lesbian Sacramento

According to Dr. Gregory Herek, the UC Davis study was always intended to be about more than antigay hate crimes.

"From the very beginning, we were interested in what it means to be gay, lesbian or bisexual and to be part of a community," he said. [We also looked at] how people identify and define themselves."

The survey results provide a unique insight into how we as gays and lesbians view ourselves and how we live– what Herek calls, "snapshots of the community."

***Choice**: The vast majority of respondents believe they did not choose to be gay. Women more than men, and bisexuals more than gays report some choice.

***Self terminology**: Most women and men label themselves as "gay" and most women call themselves "lesbian." "Queer" was used by less than 1/4 of respondents.

***Out of the Closet**: Two-thirds of respondents were out to most of their close heterosexual friends but only 1/3 were out to heterosexual acquaintances. Fewer than half were out at work or school.

***Out to Mom and Dad**: 65% had talked directly to mom about their sexual orientation but only 39% to dad. However, respondents reported that 79% of the moms and 62% of the dads knew their child's orientation.

***Couples and family matters**: Women more than men and gays more than bisexuals reported that they were currently in a long-term relationship. One-tenth had registered as domestic partners, with lesbians most likely to be registered. Nearly 1/5 of respondents were the biological parent of a child.

Researchers also found that Sacramento has its own unique identity as a gay mecca and is not merely a distant suburb of that center of the gay universe, San Francisco.

"I think that there are a lot of [gay and lesbian] people here who had grown tired of living in big cities and like the pace and opportunities here," said UCD researcher Eric Glunt, who specialized on the study's community-based issues. "Folks in the north [Sacramento] valley and the foothills see Sacramento as their gay service center, not San Francisco."

***Sacramento's Greater Gay Boundaries**: The researchers found that greater gay Sacramento extends from Chico to the north, the Delta to the south ("Stockton folks go to San Francisco," said Glunt), the foothills and Lake Tahoe to the east, and Fairfield/Vacaville to the west.

***A Community of Communities**: "Sacramento is really a collection of communties that somehow all interrelate," said Glunt. In compiling the study, researchers learned of some 145 gay/lesbian organizations active in some way. They run the gamut from bowling leagues to Metropolitan Community Churches, and group membership often overlaps. African American lesbians, said Glunt, "have an incredibly large network" and well-attended, by-invitation parties.

Herek noted that for many, gay identity is closely tied with their participation in a group or organization. "There's a whole stratum of the community that rarely goes to the bars."

Herek observed that Sacramento may be more representative of gay and lesbian America than New York and San Francisco.

In Sacramento and much of the country, "it's not physical places but social/friendship networks and dinner parties that [define] the community," he said.

Darkly Comic 'Valley' (No, Not the Sacramento) Hits Screens

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

2 Days in the Valley. Starring Danny Aiello, Greg Cruttwell, Jeff Daniels, Paul Mazursky, James Spader, Eric Stoltz. Directed by John Herzfeld. (105 minutes.)

2 Days in the Valley " is hard to describe succinctly. On the surface it's a darkly comic thriller. There's a murder, then a double-crossing followed by an absurdly drawn-out hostage-taking. Chance encounters bring disparate characters together as the real purpose of the crime unfolds, threatening the lives of all involved.

Below the surface, however, a greater theme emerges that unites these people. They are in their ownvalleys: frustrated, depressed and on the verge of changing their lives, possibly for the better.

For example, Aiello is a has-been hit man who hopes to prove himself in the eyes of his younger, more ruthless partner, Spader. Stoltz is a tired vice cop. Stumbling upon the crime scene while off-duty, he hopes that breaking the case will land him finally in the hallowed halls of the homicide department.

It is the movie's opening, sudden murder that links these (and other) individuals together, not just for the sake of meeting each other, but for saving each others' lives.

Says the director, John Herzfeld, "For me the entire movie is about redemption–how someone can save another person and thereby save themselves."

Described like this, "2 Days in the Valley" could be sobering viewing. But the film is also enjoyable to watch, dramatic to just the right degree and funny in all the right places. Aiello, Spader, and Stoltz are excellently cast, and their looks and body language add significantly to their characters.

Perhaps the best part of the film is its restraint. A lesser director would have made the violence more "cinematic," the drama more maudlin, and the laughs cheaper. Herzfeld, however, doesn't lose sight of the film's purpose. He knows he has a good story and he sticks to it. Indeed, his first draft made it to the silver screen untouched.

Probably the best commentary is that these established actors who were willing to work for "scale" (that is, next to nothing) because they believed so much in the film.

After the reception that followed the screening , I sat down with the director to discuss the making of his film. From the chat it became clear that John Herzfeld made this movie out of love for a good story. As with any good story, luck played a role, but so did his vision and directorial skill in putting the pieces together.

Q: Why make it *two* days in the valley?

A: It never occurred to me to make it two days. When I finished it I realized the story was resolved within forty-eight hours, so the name just came naturally.

Q: The cast is quite impressive. Did you have any actors in mind for the roles in the film?

A: The only actor I wanted was Danny Aiello. I wanted a character who was innocent and also not too bright. I wanted an actor who could play the role without conveying an enormous amount of intelligence. Danny Aiello is capable of playing someone very bright but also playing someone very innocent and genuine. He's a guy who just gets caught in the middle of the movie...I knew he could give me the humor as well as the hard edge; I wanted a guy who's tough in the beginning, and then slowly you realize that really he's got a great heart. Danny had so many of the attributes I was looking for that I couldn't see anybody else in that role at all.

Q: The film has a distinct look about it. Was this primarily your idea or that of your director of photography (DP)?

A: I did rely on my DP, but I had a very specific look in mind. First, I knew I wanted to shoot the movie in wide-screen. I didn't want to use a normal aspect ratio. Second, I designed the look of the movie from an artist named Charles Payzant, who painted watercolors of the San Fernando Valley in the 1930s and '40s. Later Walt Disney discovered him and drafted him to start painting animation cels.

Hit man Danny Aiello holds art dealer Greg Cruttwell and his assistant Glenne Headly and in John Herzfeld's *2 Days in the Valley*.

He had this really washed-out, hot, dry, shadowy look, and that's what I wanted. I showed them to my cinematographer [Oliver Wood], and that's the look we tried to go for. To get the right shade of blues, blacks, and washed out, sunshiny whites, we did anumber of tests with filters to achieve it before we started shooting.

Q: There's a minor character who seems to be gay. He saves the art dealer character when he gets a kidney stone attack on the street. Why did you make him gay? He seems like such a minor character.

A: The art dealer is so prejudiced, he's always putting down his secretary and making rude remarks about everybody. Who saves him? Someone he would always put down, a man who's black and gay. I thought that would be an interesting irony.

Q: How long did it take you to make the film?

A: Forty-five days. Since I've done so much for TV, this was almost a luxury. For instance, I did *The Ryan White Story* in twenty days. Now *that's* short. That's when you have no time to do anything!

Q: Jeff Daniels's character gives the impression of hiding something dark, like he's on the verge of doing something dramatic. Was he in Vietnam?

A: You know, that's a great question. I actually had a speech that revealed he was in Vietnam. But I took it out because I thought it would come across that he was there; it's obvious enough.

Q: What were some of the more problematic camera shots you pulled off?

A: The shot where James Spader is driving along and comes to a light, and then the camera swings all the way around in front his car and then the next, where Jeff Daniels is, all in one shot without cutting? I had that shot in my head. It was very hard to do because we had to start from a moving car. But I wanted it in one shot to show that these guys were coming so close together without realizing it. That shot took over twelve takes, and each shot was out of focus, so we had to go back another day to get it right.

You know the shot where Jeff Daniels reads the letter in his home, and the camera backs out through the broken window, all in one take? We had this new camera delivered to us without the attachment that tells the camera operator whether the camera is in focus! So we shot the scene fourteen times. Only *one* of them came out in focus.

Q: There's something about the scene where James Spader blows up the car that's really impressive.

A: I wanted James Spader and Charlize Theron [his killer lover] backing up so the camera would film the car blowing up through the windshield, from their point of view. I wanted to show that he was calm. This car blows up right in front of them and he's calm. This was the only take, and it's the one in the movie.

Q: There's a lot of fun made at the expense of Danny Aiello's character wearing a toupée. Is the actor really bald?

A: You've touched upon the greatest horror of Danny Aiello. He's not bald, but I went through such hell to get him to do this. He prides himself on his hair. He was afraid that everyone was going to think he's been bald all these years and that he wears a toupée. If you ever see him–it would be the greatest thing you could do for me–go up to him and say, "Hey, Danny! What a great piece you have!" He'll go nuts.

Q: Was it your idea to have all that crazy artwork in the art dealer's house? [Much of it was provided by the John Natsoulas Gallery in Davis.]

A: Yes it was. I own some of that artwork. I wanted wild, lurid, very vibrant, colorful, edgy weird artwork, because that's essentially the kind of person he was.

Q: Are you making fun of that kind of modern art then?

A: I'm not totally making fun of it because some of the other art–like the painting that Mazursky looksat–is mine; I own it! So there's a little of making fun, but a lot of it I like as well.▼

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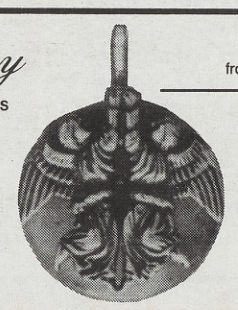

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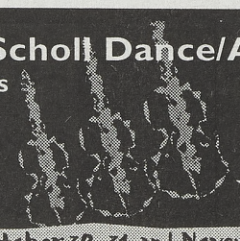

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The following appeared in the syndicated "Dear Abby" column under the headline, "'Gay lifestyle' might be like yours."

I am hoping that you will be able to answer a question that has been bothering me for years. What is a "gay lifestyle"?

I am a 40-year-old gay male and don't have a clue as to what a gay lifestyle is. My life partner, David, and I have been together 15 years and have jointly adopted three special-needs children. We live in the suburbs in a middle-class neighborhood, at the end of a cul-de-sac. Like most of our gay and lesbian friends, we don't smoke, drink alcohol or go to bars. Our children go to public school with the rest of the children in the neighborhood.

Once a friend told me what he thought was a gay lifestyle, but by the sound of it, he was describing a single's lifestyle, gay or straight. Is that what some people mean, that a gay lifestyle is synonymous with a single lifestyle?

If there is such a thing as a gay lifestyle, doesn't that automatically mean that there is a "heterosexual lifestyle?" And if this is true, what is a "heterosexual lifestyle?" I have sincerely been asking people, and no one has been able to give me an answer.

--Michael Serkin-Poole, Bellevue, Wash.

Dear Michael:

Fair questions. In Eric Marcus' informative book "Is It a Choice?" (Harper San Francisco), he answers this way. "After watching countless news reports and occasional documentaries over the years about gay people--gay men mostly--the most popular image of gay life that has been seared into the minds of most Americans is the urban, single nightlife led by some gay men--and plenty of straight people as well--during the 1970s.

"As hard as it might be to believe, there is no such thing as a 'gay lifestyle,' just as there is no such thing as a heterosexual lifestyle. Gay and lesbian people, like heterosexual people, live in a variety of ways, from poor to middle-class to nouveau riche, from urban to rural."▼

-Abby

Capital AIDS Walk '96 A Big Success

Sacramento showed its compassion and support for people with AIDS on Sept. 22 when 2700 people and 300 volunteers participated in Capital AIDS Walk. Sponsors reported that $166,000 had been raised for the benefitting agencies--the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES). Over 50 teams participated with Jerry Perry's "Alive and Kicking Team" the top moneymaker raising over $4,000. When the walk concluded, participants removed their red ribbons bearing the names of Sacramentans lost to AIDS and pinned them to a banner at the Capitol. To be put on a mailing list for next year's Capital AIDS Walk set for Sept. 21, 1997, call: (800) 448-WALK.▼

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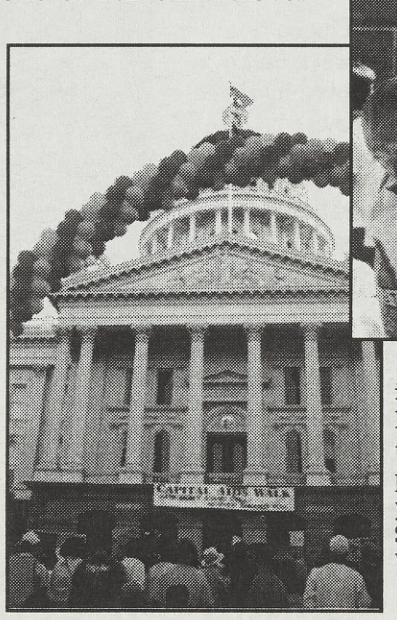

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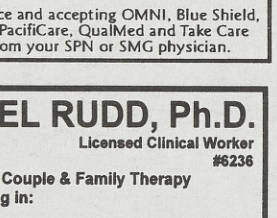
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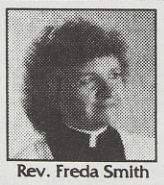
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The Pied Piper - The Making of a Hearing Dog

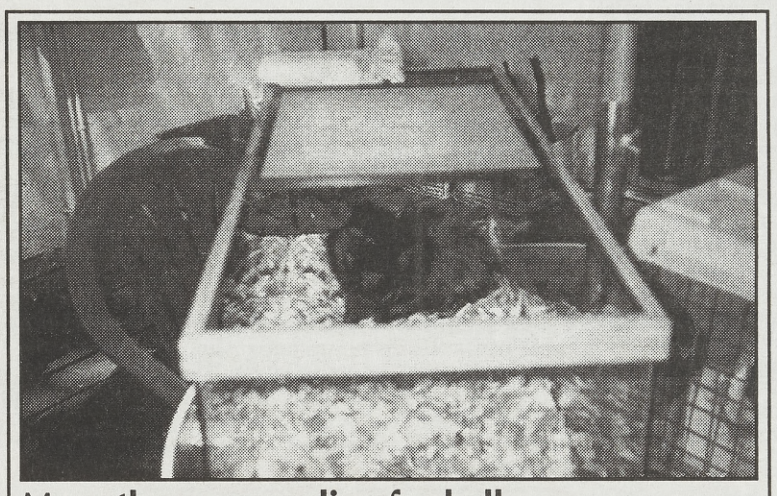
by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

One of the ongoing frustrations for those with hearing disabilities is the inability of the public to comprehend that there is a prob lem. Deafness is an invisible disability, with no clearly visible signs that there is a problem. Thus, working in public with a hearing dog can be frustrating as the "signs" are not there as they are with the Seeing-Eye Dogs or the dogs working with those confined to wheelchairs.

I remember one visit to a restaurant with Evie (Piper's half sister) who works for Sandra Douglas in Santa Clara. We were stopped at the front door by a manager who was extremely argumentative. He could not see that Sandra had a disability and he was working hard to deny us entry. Sandra patiently explained that she was deaf and that Evie was her "ears". Because Sandra has very good verbal skills, the manager was determined that we were not telling the truth despite the evidence of the working cape on the dog and Sandra's ID suspended around her neck. We won, but it was frustrating. The deaf seem to build strong walls around themselves, but it is still frustrating when the public lacks the education so that a simple explanation is not enough.

I met with the same type of resistance on my last flight from California with Piper. He flies in the cabin as a working dog. The crews on the planes seem to have had more contact with service dogs and they are seldom a problem. My difficulties came from the airport personnel for Southwest Airlines at the Phoenix airport where we were changing planes. Now, understand, this was my return flight. I had already been a passenger on the airline going out and on the first leg of the return flight. The woman at the check-in counter by the gate called me over to the desk after I had already checked in and began demanding that I show her more proof that it was necessary for the dog to be traveling with me. Again, the dog had a cape, I wore an ID. I took out the health certificate, thinking that was what she wanted. "No", she demanded, "I want to see the paperwork". It took a few more minutes with both of us becoming more and more frustrated, but finally, I took my ID tag off, and presented it to her. It has my name, Piper's photo and cites the California Access Laws and that seemed to do the trick. But, as I explained to her, I had already shown that to both the woman at the counter when checking in and to her. It was certainly a lack of communication, but more importantly, it was a lack of education on the part of the airline in training their personnel.

In another instance a recent trip to Wal Mart resulted in having to give a lengthy explanation to the "security person" at the door that my dog did fall under the description of "a service dog". A bit later, while shopping, a loud speaker announced that no dogs were allowed in the store other than "service dogs" I am sure that was directed at me and I probably should have gone back to security and explained again that Piper, a-service-dog -in-training, needed the education garnered by being in public places.



More than a squealing fur ball

Katrina (also called "Dina") is her guinea pig. Katrina came into her life on 27 April 1994. Dina was jut a scrawny, skittish little thing and really wanted nothing to do with humans. Her "condo" is a 25 gallon aquarium which consists of a high pile of redwood litter!

Now, public education is a major crusade for me. This series is just the first step in my personal efforts to educate the public about the process for training the hearing dog. Hopefully, some where down the line, it will save just one deaf person with a dog from embarrassment and frustration that arises every time there is a public confrontation. This is one of the reasons that I stop whenever I even notice a curious look from someone. I feel that every person who has some understanding of what Piper is doing and why we have him in public, will be one more aware person.

New laws are being enacted all of the time regarding the public access for service dogs. I have noticed that the signs in public buildings often reflect the broader term of "service dogs" rather than limiting access specifically to "seeing-eye dogs". This is progress. But there can never be too much education.

Piper's training isn't over yet. He is still an adolescent and like any teenager of any species, tends to be flaky at times. But, he's becoming more and more consistent. We only have a few more months to go and then he'll return to California for certification with his owner.

So, Piper's story isn't finished yet. We have more work to do before we are ready for certification. So there will be a follow-up to this series and it will be with pride that we include photos of Piper. He's a wonderful and unique little dog with a big heart. He has an uncanny sense about his job and I am proud to be a part of the process.

Piper and I have been working under the auspices of Canine Support Teams for Independence based in Southern California. They are always in need of good families to serve as puppy raisers for the dogs which will go on to eventually be service dogs for the disabled. It is a tough commitment. It takes time to be a puppy raiser. It also means failing in love with a special canine, knowing that you will eventually part company. However, the rewards are immensely gratifying. For more information you can contact them at 909 943 3972 or write Canine Support Teams, P.O. Box 1329, Perris, CA 92572-1329. Or, in Northern California, call Beverly Sigafoos in Galt at 209-745 3701, in Sacramento, Call 916-983 4436.

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Did you miss your dog on this summer's vacation? "Kick the kennel habit," urges Wendy Ballard, publisher of "DogGone," the newsletter about fun places to go and cool stuff to do with your dog. "Most dogs enjoy vacationing with their owners," claims Ballard, who has traveled with Sparky the beagle for the past five years.

What type of pet is a good candidate for traveling? "Virtually any dog can make an excellent companion on the road," says Ballard, "although I admit it is easier for petite, 'travel-size' dogs to find accommodations. Some motels have small pets only restrictions. But large dogs shouldn't despair. "I know of a woman who travels regularly with her three Irish Wolfhounds--the largest of dog breeds."

DogGone publisher Wendy Ballard with"Roving Reporter" Sparky the beagle.

Traveling dogs should be non-aggressive. Dogs that are friendly to other dogs, people and small children make the best travel partners. "Dogs who don't have 'barking problems' are more welcome at motels and campgrounds," Ballard testifies. Postpone any trips until your puppy is completely housebroken and if chewing is still a problem, crate your dog in the hotel room. Basic obedience lessons are a good idea, too.

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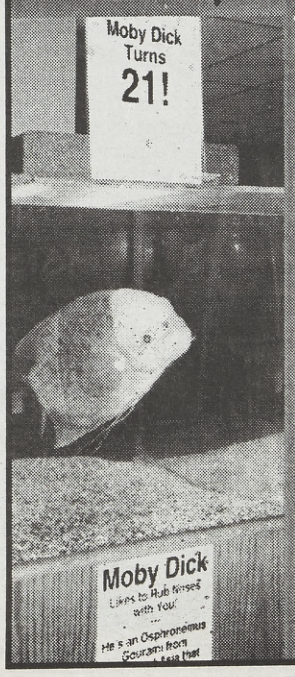

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On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

New DDI formulation...

The anti-retroviral medication DDI is now available in a new orange-flavored chewable formulation to make it more palatable. The original formulation, described by its manufacturer as chewable but unflavored, is described by users as too large with a foul taste. At the same time as the flavor change, the recommended dosage of DDI was updated based on a person's weight. For people weighing 132 pounds or less, the dosage is recommended at 125 milligrams twice a day. For people over 132 pounds, the recommended dosage is 200 milligrams twice a day. Since the new orange-flavored tablets come only in a 100 mg size, this means that lighter-weight people whose physician prescribes 125 mg twice a day must continue to take a 25 mg tablet of the old formulation plus one of the 100 mg tablets each time. Hopefully Bristol Myers Squibb, maker of DDI, will introduce a 25 mg tablet of the new formulation so each dosage will be better for everyone.

Combining protease inhibitors...

Early clinical trials are getting underway to determine whether combining protease inhibitors with one another may one day become another treatment option for people with HIV. Saquinavir (Invirase) appears to be in one category, while Ritonavir (Norvir) and Indiavir (Crixivan) are in another. It is thought that combinations are possible using one drug in each category.

Saquinavir & Ritonavir. Taken alone, Saquinavir is very quickly broken down in the liver, leaving only a small amount of the drug in the body to fight HIV. Ritonavir appears to slow down the process by which drugs are broken down and eliminated from the body. Taking these two drugs together, researchers suggest, may allow more of the Saquinavir to reach its target and slow the replication of HIV.

New England researchers report that, in the second six weeks of tests, HIV in the blood has been reduced by 99 percent in the 136 people currently testing these two medications in four different dosage groups.

Saquinavir & Indinavir. However, because Ritonavir seems to cause the most side effects (nausea or diarrhea in the early stages of treatment), and because it can't be taken with many of the other medications that people with HIV need (anti-anxiety meds, anti-histamines, some painkillers, etc.), researchers may put more emphasis on combining Saquinavir and Indinavir (Crixivan).

Roche, which makes Saquinavir, claims that Saquinavir is not cross-resistant to Indinavir. However, Merck, the maker of Indinavir, claim that Saquinavir may well be cross-resistant to Indinavir. Combining these two, says Merck, could lead to faster development of drug-resistant HIV.

Tests of any combination of medications must continue in order to identify dosages, absorption, distribution, breakdown, other factors such as cross-resistance, and possible side effects such as kidney stones. People taking protease inhibitors are advised NOT to try any combinations on their own without the knowledge of their physician ("just don't do it"). People officially testing these proposed combinations will have to be closely monitored for adverse reactions because no clear information is yet available regarding possible risks involved.

Flu shots...

Public health agencies in Sacremento will soon be launching their immunization drives, urging people – especially the elderly and folks with chronic illnesses and suppressed immune systems – to be sure to get a flu vaccination before the winter season gets here. This year, however, don't just sign up at work and get an inoculation without letting your HIV physician know. The flu shots can impact the reading on your viral load test, so let your physician know when and if you plan to get a flu shot. A few people may even be advised not to get one – so be sure to work closely with your doctor on this topic.

Flu germs can be transmitted by shaking hands with a person with the flu, and then touching your mouth or nose before washing your hands, or by breathing in air containing droplets from a carrier who has just coughed or sneezed. If you get the flu, please be very sensitive to those around you while you're infected.

Third class combinations studied...

While the development of new drugs over the years to treat AIDS is extremely encouraging, studies continue on how to best combine them with one another, as well as with other medications, to extend the period of their use, to avoid their becoming resistant to the HIV virus, and to best work with one another for maximum effectiveness. The first HIV drugs (AZT, DDI, DDC, D4T, and 3TC) are classed as reverse transcriptase inhibitors. The second class (Saquinavir, Ritonavir, and Indinavir) are called protease inhibitors. A third class of drugs called non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitors is now under heavy development. These include nevirapine and atevirdine. They are in early stages of clinical trial and so far show potential for possibly working with the other classifications to extend lives.

Genetic factors under study...

Research continues with people who seem to have extra protection from the HIV virus. For years, it wasn't known why some people simply did not become positive even though they may have been exposed to the virus, and some others seemed to be very long-term survivors. Inheriting good genes seems to be the answer. A gene identified as CKR-5 apparently acts as a gate-keeper in allowing virus into a cell. Not all families have this gene to pass on thru their generations, but researchers now believe that people who inherit the gene from both parents have absolute protection from HIV, and people who inherit the gene from only one parent receive partial protection that at least will slow down the virus and allow a person with HIV to live an average of two years longer. Sadly, researchers are also finding, based on over 1,900 Americans they've studied, that no individuals of African descent have been identified as having any of this genetic protection.

Denver extends health coverage...

Gay partners of workers employed by the city of Denver, Colorado, will now receive health insurance coverage under an ordinance recently signed. In addition, a record 10,000 people recently participated in the annual AIDS walk, raising $1.2 million for state AIDS services.

Pursuing herpes...

Following the same path used to develop protease inhibitors – finding a drug that will block a protein a virus needs in order to replicate – five separate teams of scientists are pursuing a way to take advantage of a recently-discovered weakness in the CMV virus. CMV, the cytomegalovirus, is a herpes virus that can cause blindness in people with AIDS. Researchers on three of the teams simultaneously discovered the weakness in CMV, and together with two other groups of pharmaceutical scientists, are rushing drug development to take advantage of it

AIDS Calendar

*HIV Firing Line is a free forum in which a panel of physicians and AIDS service providers will answer audience questions on HIV treatments and services in the Sacramento area. The forum is Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m. at the UC Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) Cancer Center Auditorium, 4501 X Street. Info: 733-3829 or 443-3299.

*Sacramento Hospice Consortium needs volunteers to provide compassion and support for AIDS patients and persons with terminal illnesses. Volunteer training begins Nov. 2 and is held Saturdays and weekday evenings at UCDMC, 2315 Stockton Blvd. Info: Jan Metz at 454-6532 or Nancy Schindler at 734-0446.

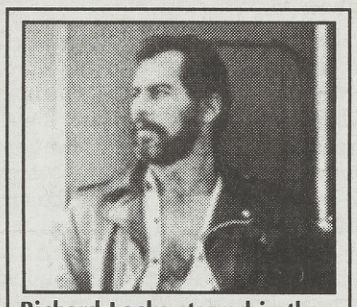
S.F.'s AIDS Grove A National Memorial

The last piece of legislation passed by the 104th Congress has designated San Francisco's AIDS Memorial Grove a national memorial. The 15-acre grove in Golden Gate Park thus becomes the nation's first living memorial to those living with or who have died of AIDS. The law was introduced by two California Democrats--Senator Diane Feinstein and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.▼

FAREWELL

Richard Locke

Richard Locke, 55, died peacefully of AIDS-related causes about 5:15 pm on September 25, 1996 in the UCD Med Center.



Richard Locke starred in the erotic gay film trilogy, "Kansas City Trucking Co.," "El Paso Wrecking Corp.," and "L.A. Tool and Die."

He was an AIDS activist and regarded as a hero by many in the gay community because of his AIDS education seminars, as well as the kind and gentle massages he administered to people with AIDS in San Francisco General Hospital over the years. Richard was well known nationwide and internationally for his starring roles in gay films from the 1970s and early 1980s, for his two books, "In the Heat of Passion" and "Locke Out," and for his one-act play "Loving," which was filmed in Toronto last year. He was working on two separate autobiographies, "Living" and "Dying," when he recently fell ill.

A long-term survivor of HIV, from at least 1983, Richard was optimistic about maintaining good health. But in July he was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma. He had undergone three of six planned chemotheraphy sessions, which left him vulnerable to a virulent infection which took his life in ten days.

During his hospital stay, his immediate family and many cousins and aunts came to his bedside to support him with their love. This was very important to Richard since he'd seen firsthand over the years how many families have turned their backs on their gay children with AIDS. Richard was cherished from beginning to end by his mother Bess, his father Clay, his sister Janet, and his brothers Robert and Clay Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 29 in Sacramento. Donations may be made to the Richard Locke Scholarship Fund, c/o his favorite charity, the Billy Club, an organization of spiritual gay men, Box 1572, Ukiah, CA 95482.▼

David Spada

Created Freedom Rings

David Spada, 34, best known for creating Freedom Rings, the universal symbol of gay pride, has died of AIDS. Born and raised in Connecticut, he moved to New York to attend design school and began to develop his own unique style.

His greatest artistic contribution was to the gay community. He and his business partner, Emilio Rodriguez, designed a social phenomenon – the Freedom Rings – which became an international symbol worn by hundreds of thousands of gay men and women, as well as their straight friends and families. The six aluminum rings in the colors of the rainbow on a simple chain quickly became the symbol of unity, freedom, and pride.

Because of the unprecedented success of the Freedom Rings, David found himself in a position to revolutionize gay business practices, pioneering new standards for open marketing of gay products. In addition, his company became a prototype for other companies by donating a percentage of profits back to the community.

His friends and family request that Freedom Rings continue to be worn by as many people as possible, not only on Gay Pride Day, but throughout the year, in David's memory and the memory of all those we've lost.▼

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NEWS CLIPS

by D.K. Akai
MGW News Editor

Wilson proposes adoption ban

California Governor Pete Wilson has proposed a change in state adoption regulations that would require social workers to recommend against any adoption by unmarried couples.

The proposed adoption rule changes would prevent g/l couples from adopting since they cannot legally marry. Gays and lesbians would still be able to adopt if they are single and not living with someone as a couple.

- The Sacramento Bee

Gay and Lesbian National Hotline begins taking calls

The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (GLNH) officially began taking calls October 1, 1996.

The phone number is **1-888-THE-GLNH** (1-888-843-4564).

The GLNH will provide peer counseling, information and referrals to g/l/b people, as well as other concerned with gay-related issues. The services are without charge and totally anonymous.

In addition, the GLNH maintains a database with more than 13,000 local community groups, organizations, businesses and professionals. With this resource of information, the GLNH can link callers with thousands of services available.

The hotline accepts calls weeknights from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., EDT. More information on the GLNH can be found on the world wide web -- **http://www.glnh.org.**

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director to step down

Melinda Paras, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), has announced that she will step down from the helm of the nation's oldest g/l civil rights group, upon completion of her term, to pursue personal goals.

The announcement was made at the NGLTF Board meeting, held in Washington, D.C. in September. Also announced at the meeting was $400,000 in donations from prestigious foundations, including a $330,000 donation from the Messenger estate and a grant from the IBM Corporation.

Judge: Oregon must give benefits to gay partners

A judge ordered Oregon to offer health insurance to the partners of gay state employees, saying failing to make the same benefits available to gay and straight couples amounts to discrimination.

Judge Stephen Gallagher ruled that the Oregon Employees' Benefit Board violated the state constitution by denying spousal benefits to three lesbian couples who have all "enjoyed a long-term and committed relationship identical to marriage."

Lawyers for the state and the three couples who sued for health benefits say Gallagher's ruling appears to be the first of its kind. Cities, including San Francisco and Philadelphia, have offered health benefits to partners of gay city workers, but no court order was involved.

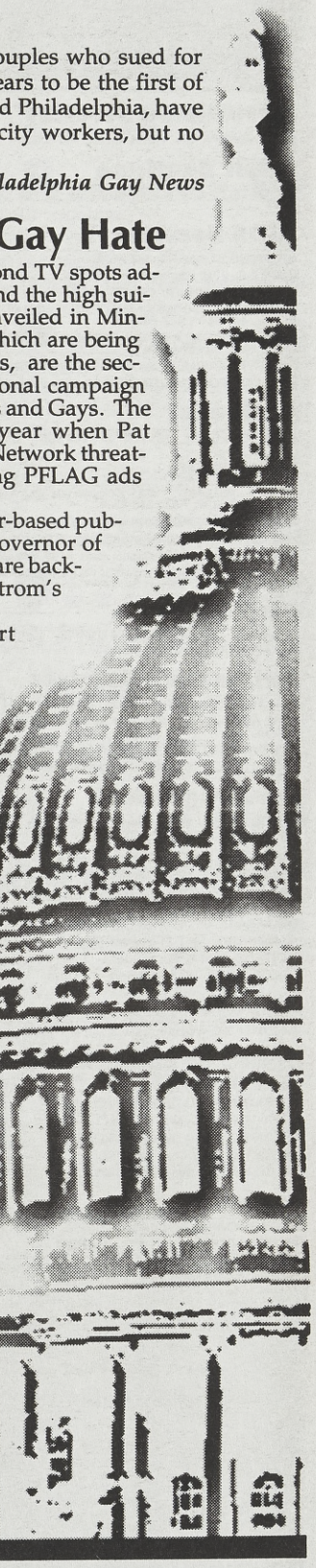
- Philadelphia Gay News

TV Ads Condemn Anti-Gay Hate

Two "emotionally compelling" 30-second TV spots addressing the issue of antigay hate crimes and the high suicide rate of gay and lesbian teens were unveiled in Minneapolis/St. Paul last month. The ads, which are being run in the Twin Cities, Seattle and St. Louis, are the second phase of "Project Open Hand," a national campaign of PFLAG--Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The first phase drew national attention last year when Pat Robertson and his Christian Broadcasting Network threatened legal action against station's running PFLAG ads featuring Robertson's anti-gay comments.

The second phase has received broader-based public support. Elected officials such as the governor of Washington state and the mayor of Seattle are backing the project, as is Seattle-based Nordstrom's department store.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III said in a statement that he "stand[s] behind PFLAG as they launch this important educational campaign for the purpose of shocking the good people of Minnesota out of their silence, so that they can join with us in condemning anti-gay violence and harassment."▼



INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...

by D.K. Akai
MGW News Editor

Lesbian Pregnancy

If you or your partner is pregnant or has been pregnant in the past year, then you are both invited to participate in a study about lesbian couples' experiences of pregnancy and its impact on relationships. Although lesbian parenting has been explored, this is one of the few studies that has been done about the pregnancy period. The study is being conducted by Nancy Friedman, a doctoral candidate in Clinical Psychology at Rutgers University. For further info call her collect at (201) 798-5429.▼

Teen Suicide Line

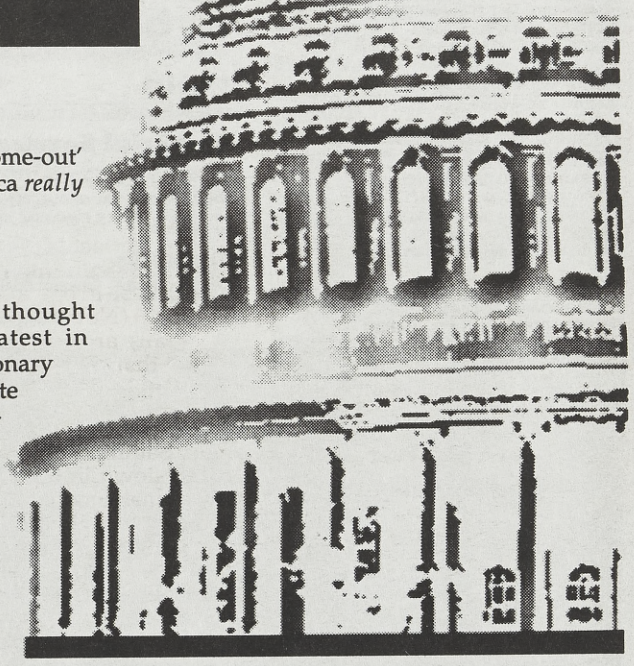
Enterprising g/l have formed **'Tapestry of Life'** - an organization dedicated to fighting teenage g/l suicide. The organizers are "dedicated to youth who are finding themselves, accepting their sexuality and learning to appreciate their individuality." They plan to have retreat facilities where they can conduct workshops with g/l teens and their families in the hopes of fostering tolerance and understanding. Donations and info concerns can be directed to: Tapestry of Life, 707 Miamisburg-Centerville Road #117, Centerville, OH 45459 or by calling (513) 439-1829.▼

Rosie & Ellen

Rosie O'Donnell and **Ellen Degeneres** have been turning media heads these days. Rosie is reported to be in a 'loving lesbian relationship' with singer-dancer Michelle Blakely, according to *The Globe*. She is also apparently making use of lesbian comic Kate Clinton's talents, as her name has begun to appear in the writer's credits on the Rosie O'Donnell Show. And what about all the media hoopla around the supposed desire of Ellen Degeneres to have her character *Ellen* 'come-out' on her sitcom? Is it possible that anyone in America *really* thinks that Ellen is straight?▼

For Gals 'On The Go'

And finally, for those of you who thought you had everything, there is the latest in urinary comfort: *OnTheGo* - a revolutionary woman's stand-up urinary accessory. I'm not quite sure what a "urinary accessory" is, but the manufacturers state that *OnTheGo* is a "fun, convenient bathroom buddy that is ready for concerts and sporting events." Can't wait to find yours at the local department store? Purchase yours for only $12.95, including postage and handling by writing *OnTheGo*, PO Box 1004, Largo, FL 33779. Oh yeah--it's available in a variety of pastel shades for those of you who simply **must** coordinate your accessories.▼



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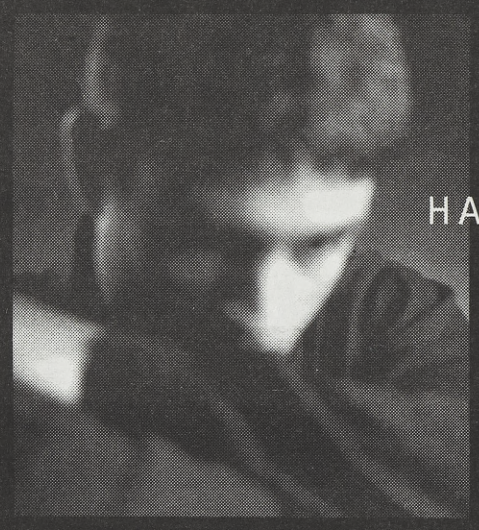
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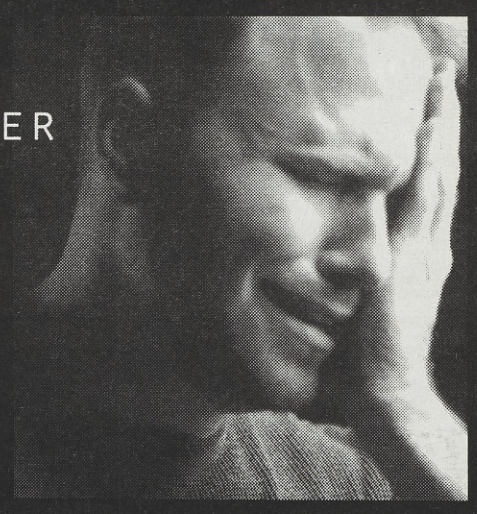
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The Open Book 910 21st St., 8pm, 498-1014

Spoof Musical "Six Women With Brain Death" will be appearing at The Studio Theatre. Preview on Thursday, Oct. 24th. 446-2669.

16 WEDNESDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Psychic Tour of Old City Cemetary, 923-2117

FINANCIAL SEMINAR
Women and Investing, Barnes and Noble Arden Fair Mall, 7pm, 927-4444

UC DAVIS LECTURE
Freeborn Hall, Marlin Fitzwater & Dee Dee Myers, 8pm 757-3481

17 THURSDAY

CONSENSUAL SADOMASOCHISM BOOK DISCUSSION
Good Vibrations 1210 Valencia at 23rd St., S.F., 8 - 10pm. 974-8980

HAUNTED HOUSE
Sponsored by Amer. Riv. Jaycees, 17 - 19th, Crestview Shopping Center, 4750 Manzanita Blvd., 7 - 10 pm, 863-9609

IGRA FINALS
17th-20th, 505/255-5045

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books, 944 DYKE

WORLD TRAVEL EXPO
San Francisco Marriott, 5pm-8pm,

18 FRIDAY

SUZY BERGER LIVE
Sierra 2 Comm. Center, 6:30pm 451-8034

CLUB TOWNSEND PRESENTS
"Stompy Stomp" 177 Townsend St. S.F., 415/974-1156

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OAKLAND BALLET PREMIERES
"Dark Elegies", "Blow Out", 18-20th, 510/762-2277

PORCELAIN EXHIBITION
Camellia City Porcelain Artists, Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd., 9am-4pm. 687-6422.

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SECOND ANNUAL PROGRESS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
For leaders of GLB employee support groups in the workplace. Set for Sac. 818-364-8935.

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Women Making Music Retreat. Bishop's Ranch near Healdsburg. 541-482-1889.

19 SATURDAY

BOOK READING AND SIGNING
Featuring Lambda Award Winning Authors, The Open Book, 910 21st St., 7pm, 498-1004

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES ANNIVERSARY DANCE
Jefferson School 2001 Pebblewood Drive South Natomas, 7:30pm, 929-8697

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Games and Spa, 7pm, 684-6524

EAGLES WALKING GROUP
991-2420

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Sponsored by Elk Grove Parks and Rec, 685-3917

INTERNATIONAL ACCORDIAN FESTIVAL
19-20th, San Francisco, 415/775-6000

KING STREET GARAGE PRESENTS
"Cream of Beat", 174 King St. S.F.,10pm - 3am, 415/469-2081

LESBIGAY RADIO BROADCAST
KOBO AM 1450 Sacramento/KEST AM 1450 San Francisco, Midnight

LIFE LOBBY TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY GALA
Guests Bruce Vilanch, Greg Louganis, Doug Savant, Assembly Member Richard Katz, Assemblymember Carole Migden. Radisson Miyako Hotel, S.F.. 444-0424.

PUMPKIN PATCH '96
10am - 6pm, Nut Tree, 707/448-6424

SEWING BEE
Sponsored by NAMES Project Memorial Quilt, Pioneer Church 2700 L St., 10am - 2pm, 484--4164

20 SUNDAY

DISCO INFERNO NIGHT
Pleasuredome, 177 Townsend St. S.F., 415.985-5256

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Pumpkin Patch & Hayride, Gibson Ranch, 923-2117

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS
Bike Ride-American Rivier, Mother Lode Chapter, Guy West Bridge CSUS, 9:30am, 733-2102

PULSE
Sac. Channel 10, Topics: Bone Cancer, Interstitial Cystitis, 6:30pm

HANGTOWN JAZZ JUBILEE
Placerville, 621-5885

21 MONDAY

EROTIC READING CIRCLE
Good Vibrations 1210 Valencia at 23rd St., S.F., 8 - 10pm. 974-8980

22 TUESDAY

POETRY WORKSHOP
The Open Book, 910 21st St., 8pm, 498-1004

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

23 WEDNESDAY

EAGLES MEETING
Game Night, Lambda Center, 6:30pm,

HAUNTED HOUSE
Sponsored by Amer. Riv. Jaycees, 23 - 27th, Crestview Shopping Center, 4750 Manzanita Blvd., 7 - 10 pm, 863-9609

NAMES PROJECT MEETING
General Business Meeting, Poineer Church 2700 L St., 6:30pm, 484-5646

PFLAG TALKS
Evan Wolfson, 7 pm, 557-4282

VALLEY BEARS MEETING
535-5050

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books, 944 DYKE

24 THURSDAY

WOMEN IN THE MEDIA LECTURE
Sponsored by L/G Journalists Assoc., 1187 Franklin St. S.F., 6 - 8pm, 415/905-8881

25 FRIDAY

GARY POOL BOOK READING
The Open Book 910 21st St., 7:30pm, 498-1004

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Haunted House Tour & Dessert, 7:30pm, 923-2117

Olodum performs in the Worldstage Series presented by UC Davis. Monday, Oct. 21st at 8pm. 752-1915 for Details.

HAUNTED HOUSE
Sponsored by Elk Grove Parks and Rec, Pool Area in Elk Grove Park, 685-3917

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

26 SATURDAY

BROWN BAG READERS THEATRE PERFORMANCE
Sponsored by ISCCD to Benefit Rape Crisis Intervention, Brown Bag readers is an all lesbian group,1080 Ewald Ct. Paradise, 872-3105

THE BIG CONCERT
Spirit Liberation Ensemble featuring Anita Jones, Sierra 2 Center,7:30pm 455-8387

CAPITAL CROSSROADS RODEO CHAPTER LECTURE
Exploring The Sexual You, 10am-4pm, Adults only, 451-8034

Dale School Dance/Art kicks off it's 15th Season with the premiere of "Downbeat" on Wednesday, Oct. 30th at CSUS Dancespace. 451-3732 for Details.

EAGLES WALKING GROUP
991-2420

JUDY FJELL IN CONCERT
The Palms, 8pm. 756-9901

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS
Canine Hike-Loch Leven Lakes, 663-3560 or 972-9230

HALLOWEEN MAYHEM
Featuring Midnight Costume Contest, 26 - 27th, Club Universe 177 Townsend St. S.F., 415/985-5241

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Benefits Sac. Names Project, Lambda Center, 7:30pm, 484-5646

HOWARD HANNON BOOK READING
The Open Book 910 21st St., 2pm, 498-1004

KING STREET GARAGE PRESENTS
"Futura", Costume Contest, 174 King St.S.F., 10pm - 3pm, 415/665-6715

LESBIGAY RADIO BROADCAST
KOBO AM 1450 Sacramento/KEST AM 1450 San Francisco, Midnight

MOONLIGHT BOWLING/COSTUME CONTEST
Benefits Sac. Arts & Games Assoc., Land Park Bowl 5850 Freeport Blvd.10 - 12pm, 453-1918

OSARAI-KAI CONCERT
Featuring Fujimoto-kai, CSUS Music Hall, 1pm, 383-5710

PSYCHIC FAIR
Sacramento Holiday Inn, 5321 Date Drive, 10am - 5pm, 415/626-6191

PUMPKIN PATCH '96
10am - 6pm, Nut Tree, 707/448-6424

HALLOWEEN HARMONICA BLOWOUT
Sponsored by Sac. Blues Society, La Sierra Comm. Center 325 Engle Road, Carmichael 8pm

27 SUNDAY

HALLOWEEN MAYHEM
Costume Contest 11pm, Pleasuredome 177 Townsend St. S.F., 415/985-5256

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
CSUS, 10am-4pm, 498-1414

28 MONDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Pumpkin Carving, 6:30pm, 753-0329

MIDORI IN CONCERT
Sac. Community Center Theatre, 8pm, 264-5181

29 TUESDAY

HAUNTED HOUSE
Sponsored by Amer. Riv. Jaycees, 29 - Nov. 1st, Crestview Shopping Center, 4750 Manzanita Blvd., 7 - 10 pm, 863-9609

POETRY READING
Open readings, The Open Book 910 21st St., 8pm, 498-1004

SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722

30 WEDNESDAY

HALLOWEEN PARADE
Sponsored by Sunrise Parks and Rec, Sunrise Mall, 5:30 - 9pm, 725-1585

VALLEY BEARS MEETING
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WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books, 944 DYKE

31 THURSDAY

HALLOWEEN
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CLUB TOWNSEND PRESENTS
"Spinning House", 177 Townsend St. S.F., 10pm - 4am, 415/280-0503

JOAN DRURY READING AND DISCUSSION
Mama Bear's 6536 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, 428-9684

HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL
"Queen Of The Night" Jackee Harry, Santa Monica Blvd from La Cienega Blvd. to Robertson Blvd., 6-12pm, 848-6547

HALLOWEEN PARTY
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BLOOMING ART, The masks we wear, thru Nov. 2. 442-3800.

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, Masterworks of Modern Sculpture from the Nasher Collection, Oct. 1996-Jan 1997; 19th & 20th Century Sculptors' Prints & Drawings: Selections from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, thru Jan 18, In the Mind's Eye: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age, June 1997-August 1997, 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, "Bright Red Mysteries," works by Syd Mead, thru Nov. 10, Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission St., San Francisco, 415/978-ARTS.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM; ASTA/CAPMT Young Artists. October 20, Ballroom, 3-4pm; Sakakeeny & Hodge, flute & piano. Ballroom, 3-4pm. The Colors of Paradise: Paintings and Textiles from India, thru 1996; The Fine Art of California Indian Basketry, thru Nov. 3; William Hogarth's "Industry and Idleness," thru Oct. 27; Art & Politics in Revolutionary France, Nov. 1, 1996-Feb 9, 1997; Kings & Queens & Soup Tureens from Winterthur, Nov. 22-Jan 5, 1997. 216 O St., 264-5423.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, 25th Antique show and Sale to benefit the Corcker Art Museum, Oct, 25, 26 & 27, Scottish Rite Masonic Center 6151 H St., Begins daily at 11am

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide Collection Nov. 1996-March 1997; BeatCulture and the New America: 1950-1965, Oct. 5-Dec. 29; Art of the Americas: Cultural Crosscurrents thru Jan. 26, Observant Eye: Portrait Drawings by Don Bachardy, thru Dec. 1, Classical Influences in Dress, thru Nov 17, The Peale Faimly: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870, Jan 26, 1997-April 6, 1997; Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico; Rafael Larco Herrera May 1997-August 1997. 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

FINE ARTS MUSUEUM of SF, Beat movement chronicled in fine arts musuem at De Young Memorial Musuem, Oct. 5-December 29, 1996. Allen Ginsberg's poem. 863-3330

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Joseph Bellacera, oils on paper, Michael Hough, clay sculpture, Winifred McNeil, figurative work. thru Oct. 18. Miriam Davis, ceramic sculpture, Maureen Hood, collage. October 23-November 29. 1020 Tenth St., 448-8723.

THOMAS H. OLDHAM GALLERY, "Thicker Than Water", Nov 6 - Dec 7, 1729 L St, 444-9624

THE QUICKSILVER MINE CO., Bev Rowe thru Oct 27th. 154 North Main St.707-829-2416.

RICHARD I. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COLLECTION,Selected Recent Acquisitions, Wayne Thiebaud thru Oct 25; Su-Chen Hung; Installation Nov. 10-Dec 17; Day without Art(internation AIDS Awareness Day) Dec 1; Artists' Valentines, Jan 21-Feb 8; Michael Tompkins, Feb 16-March 21; Fred Wilson (Tableaus) April 13-May 16; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions May 30-June 27. 752-8500

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, Sculptural Furnishings IV, An Artful Home, and Textiles by D.R. Wagner, Oct. 3-Nov.2; Paitings by Robert Else, Bronze Sculpture by Bruce Beasley, new paintings by Ken Waterstreet, Dec. 5-Jan 4, 1997; 920-4547.

STUDIO 24, Open Studio, works on canvas by Gale Hart, Music by Kairos, October 12-31st.

UNIVERSITY UNION EXHIBITS, "Captured by the Grid," Cleide Sander Group, Oil and acrylic painting on canvas. University Union Exhibit Lounge, California State University Sacramento, 6000 J St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, Photographers Lloyd Fergus, Carol Malcom and Clarence Henderson, thru October 18. 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd. 441-2341.

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American River College Theatre, *She Stoops To Conquer*, Oct. 11 - 27, *The Voice of The Prairie*, Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, *The Effect On Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, Feb. 28 - Mar 9, *All My Sons*, Apr. 25 - May 4, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234

CSUS Theatre Arts, *Antigone*, Oct. 17-26, CSUS Playwright's Theatre, *The Language of Flowers* Oct. 31 - Nov. 10, University Theatre, *La Bete*, Nov. 21 - Dec. 8, Playwright's Theatre, *La Chunga*, Mar. 6 - 16, Playwright's Theatre, *Once Upon A Mattress*, Apr. 10 - 20, University Theatre, Masks, *Circles: Healing The Pain*, May 1 - 11, Playwright's Theatre, 278-6604

Davis Comic Opera Company, *Die Fledermaus*, November 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Veteran's Memorial Theater, Davis. 758-3262.

Lines Contemporary Ballet, San Francisco's Center for the Arts Theater at Yerba Buena Gardens. Oct. 18-27. 415/863-3040.

Luna's Cafe, *Wormwood Time*, Oct 25-Nov16, 922-9774

Miriam Gray Acting Studio, *Keely and Du*, thru Oct. 6, 1996. Sierra 2 Center for the Arts, 2791 24th St. 448-5337.

Oakland Ballet, *The Secret Garden*, thru Nov 14, 510/452-9288

River Stage, *Death Of A Salesman*, Nov. 7 - Dec. 1, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Apr. 17 - May 18, *Fresh Off The Boat*, Jul. 10 - 27, Consumnes River College, 688-7364

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, *Cinderella*, thru Nov. 16, *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*, Nov. 15 - Dec. 14, *Mr. Toad's Christmas Carol*, Nov. 30 - Dec. 15, *The Praying Mantis*, Jan. 10 - 25, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Feb. 2 - Mar. 22, *Tales From Beatrix Potter*, Mar 9 - Apr. 19, *Arms And The Man*, Apr. 18 - May 17,

Sacramento Light Opera Association, Tickets for *Hello, Dolly!* and *Into the Woods*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *CATS* on sale now. 557-1999.

Sacramento Theatre Company, *Camping With Henry & Tom*, thru Oct. 20 at McClatchy Mainstage, *The Search For Signs Of Intelligent Life In The Universe*, Oct. 15 - Dec. 22 at Stage Two, *A Christmas Carol*, Nov. 29 - Dec. 29 at McClatchy Mainstage, *California Schemin'*, Jan. 14 - Feb. 9 at McClatchy Mainstage, *The Comedy of Errors*, Mar. 4 - Apr. 27 at McClatchy Mainstage, *Orphans*, Apr. 1 - Jun. 8 at Stage Two, *Burning Patience*, May. 13 - Jun. 8 at McClatchy Mainstage. 443-6722

Sacramento Ballet, *Giselle*, Oct 24-27, 1996; *The Nutcracker* Dec 6- 22; *Who Cares?*, *Serenade*, *Bolero*, Feb. 13-15, 1997; *Peter and the Wolf*, Feb. 16, 1997; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, March 20-22, 1997; *Raggedy Ann & Andy* March 23, 1997. 1631 K St., 552-5800.

Sacramento Repertory Theatre, *Three Ways Home* thru Oct. 19., *The Flight Game* Nov 1-Nov 23; *It's So Nice To Be Civilized* Dec 20-Jan 4; *The First* Jan 24-Feb 22, 1997; *Stories About The Old Days* Mar 7-Apr 5, 1997, *Special One Man Show: Hal Williams* To Be Announced, *The Wiz* May 2-24, 1997; *One Act Festival* May 29-31, 1997; *Hunter* Jun 20-Jul 26, 1997,457-8827.

Theatre El Dorado, *Ten November* Oct 11 - Nov 9, 622-1319

Theatre Rhinoceros, *Deporting The Divas: Postcards From The Border*, Oct 17 - 26, 8pm, 2926 16th St., S. F., 415/861-5079.

UC Presents, Landmark Series: *Olodum*, Oct. 21, Freeborn Hall, 8pm; *Naitonal Theater of the Deaf*, Oct. 23, Freeborn Hall, 8pm. 757-3199.

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MGW Newspaper will not accept classified advertising that is discriminatory per Government Code, Section 12955, Housing Discrimination, California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Ads may not contain language that is discriminatory based on sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, age and/or marital status.

Archives

Past issues of MGW Newspaper are available on microfilm at the main Sacramento Library and CSUS library.

Announcements

Traffic School

Finally A Gay & Lesbian Comedy Traffic School. Includes 4 tickets to the Punchline Comedy Club. Serving Sacramento for over 8 years. Thanks for supporting our community. 1-800-GAY-4-YOU. x1/1/97

Hate Crimes

Have you been the victim of a hate crime? Call 442-0185.

Bored?

Want to contribute to the g/l community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography, 441-6397.

Can You Write?

Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks. MGW is looking for reviewers. You keep the book! 441-6397.

Lesbians Wanted!!!

To participate in a lesbian health research project. Seeking lesbians who do not receive gynecological care regularly. Monetary compensation for a short, confidential interview. Call Robyn 457-0417

Working Pets

Pets: do you take your pet with you to work? MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. 441-6397.

Employment

Account Executives

MGW/DGW Newspaper is accepting employment applications for Account Executives. Applicants must enjoy talking to business owners, be neat in appearance, possess transportation. Newspaper, telemarketing, or graphic design experience helpful. If you would like an exciting career that is constantly changing call 441-6397.

College Students

College Internships available at MGW Newspaper in graphics, reporting, photography, computers, ad sales, public relations, financial and artist! Units given in 195/199 or 295/299. Contact your advisor in your department and call Linda, 441-6397.

Guitarist Needed

Must be able to read chord charts. Strong Improvisational skills, Gay orientated or friendly. If interested or know someone who might be please contact Chuck, 344-5648.

Part Time Position

Woman-owned awards business. Variety of tasks from assembly work to helping customers. Must know basic math & spelling. Starting at $6/hr. 361-8447.

$10/hr. for Comedians & Funny People to teach Californias only comedy traffic school for the gay community. Please call Finally A Gay & Lesbian Comedy Traffic School. 1-800-GAY-4-YOU x11/1

You Can Have It All!

The freedom you deserve and financial security. Improve the quality of your life while working with positive, successful people. Int'l Co. expanding now! 688-5940.

For Rent

Cozy Trailer

For rent on 10 acres of woman's land. Garden to your heart's delight! Relax in the swimmin' hole. Between Auburn and Grass Valley. $300 Franny, Sue 268-9229 tfn

$301 Moves You In!

1 & 2 bdrm. starting at $385 residential neighborhood, easy RT access, laundry, private patios, parking. 2631 27th St. Gay Managed . 457-8020

Immaculate 2/1 Duplex.

F.P. patio. W/D, CH/A. No Pets. $650. Avail. 10/1. Please do not disturb tenants. 1615 24th St. 448-6069.

Woodlake 2 Bed 2 Bath Newly Remodeled

Large fenced yard, garage, near light rail, great neighborhood. $800, 1 year lease, $750 dep. No Pets, 1107 Lochrae Rd. 939-3759

Craftsmen Bungalow on Deadend Street

Many gay neighbors on street. 2 bed, sitting room, good closets, artistic kitchen, deck, fireplace, front porch, dining room. Has built-in features, near Curtis Park + Land Park, $800, F+L, $400 Dep. 2027 Sloat Way, Call Linda 441-6397 or Owner, Donna Shalloe, (704) 675-5895.

Clean and Sober

Newly renovated studio apt. near lightrail in mid-town. Min 6 months sobriety. No-credit checks required. Security bldg., and parking. Koren. 448-2285.

Carmichael Cottage for Rent

Pets on approval, some critter-sitting req. Smoker ok, $425/mo. 331-5036. Kay or Lorraine.

1920's Home.

Large 2 br/ 1 ba, gardwood floors, fireplace, CH+A, W/D, yard, in old colonial heights. $750/mo. 454-5528

3 Bedroom 1½ Bath

1920's Home: Large 3 BR/ 1½ BA, hardwood floors, fireplace, CH+A, W/D, yard, inold colonial heights $900/mo. call 454-5528

Freebies

Phone Systems

We have two phone systems. Each have 4-5 phones each. Free to first one in. MGW, 1725 L Street At 18th.

Miscellaneous

Bakersfield Gays Wanted

Do you know anyone in the Bakersfield area?!! I have a friend living in Bakersfield and she's desperate to find some lesbians and gay men to socialize with. Mary is 35, a business owner, into horses, and lots of fun! Call me if you know any coupled or single people and I'll get them together. Linda Birner, 441-6397

Free flights for cancer patients to/from recognized treatment centers. Corporate Angel Network uses empty seats on corporate business flights. 914/328-1313.

Miscellaneous For Sale

Rainbow Decals & Stickers AIDS Ribbons $1 each, MGW Newspaper Office, L @ 18th St.

Other

Musical Interests

Seeking to form ro join a band to play and practice. I play gass, harp, flute, some vocal, write like blues, R&B, original. Experience and equipment. call Ken 682-1401

Moving to Sacramento

GWM, 6', 160 lbs., age 46, attractive, youthful, energetic, intelligent, serious-minded, earthy, loner-type, antisicial, spiritual, generous, looking for quality friendships and ?. I enjoy the simple pleasures in life, you too. If interested, write Mike Ellringer at 3072 South Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121/707-454-2853.

Real Estate for Sale

Fab Duplex

Fabulous Duplex. Only $89,000. 3 Bedroom 1½ bath + 2 bedroom 1½ bath. Live in one side with only $4,500 down and $270/ month net payment. Call Frank at 428-4321, agt.

Curtis Park

Charming tudor style within walking distance to park, New Helvita, Sierr II and transportation. Updated kitchen and bath, oak floors, built in's thru-out, new paint, large yeard with oak tree. Call Jerry 456-5800

Fair Oaks

Unique Nill Valley contemproary updated 2 bdr, 2 ba, study, great-room w/ rock fireplace, plus newer, fully-equipped 1 bdr. guest house, could produce income. 6/10 acre, landscaped, lots of privacy, open skies, creek. Convient to shopping, river, HWY. 50. $188,000. Angela Gitt, Remax Gold, 537-2425

Roommates

SGM to Share

SGM to share 2 bdr.-2 bath in gay friendly S. Natomas neighborhood. Pool, Tennis Courts, Hot Tub, Washer & Dryer. $300, ½ util. Ken 925-3733 x9/15

3/bd. 2 Bath House

In Citrus Heights to share w/right person $350 + util, Tory, 726-8132.

G/M Seeks Roomate to Share 2/2 Apt.

$337.50 + ½ util. Rancho Cordova begin Oct. 25 N/S, No Pets. Must like Alt. Music. Brian - 852-6936

Clean 2 Bedroom Duplex

Carmichael, with fireplace, yard, male or female. N/S, No Drugs. $300 + ½ util. 485-9744.

2 Br House in Tahoe Park to Share

With lesbian professional. Own room with walk-in closet, covered patio, large yard, garage storage, w/d available. $300 + ½ util. 454-0652 x11/1

Davis

Davis lesbian 50 seeks room to rent in smoke free household. Caffine and football addict. Early riser. Need a room not a relationship. call Eileen 756-6436

Service

Recovery

Alcoholics Anonymous, North Hall, 2015 J St., #32. Nightly meetings 8pm, Dan 486-0331.

Photography

Let me capture memorable images of you! Location photography for weddings, families, portraits. 645-8447, 1-800-916-FOTO. Photography by Larry.

Carpet Cleaning

Dri Soft Carpet Care. 987-6976

Massage

Revitalizing full body massage for men. The best in stress reduction. Alan 457-5960 x10/1

Massage

½ Price Pre-Holiday Special for all previous clients. For the mind, spirit & whole body therapy. Call Sweet Daddy 641-7034. Thanks For Good Memories.

Vacation Rentals

Edgewater Resort

RV, Camping, & Cabins. Enjoy our pool, beach, 230' fishing pier, launch, clubhouse, sun & shade. Gay/Lesbian owned & operated, straight friendly. Pets & groups welcome. 800-396-6224 tfn

Clear Lake

Trade? Will trade vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424.

Volunteer

Volunteers

Assemblywoman Carole Migden is looking for volunteers or interns to assist in her Sacramento Capitol office. Migden represents San Francisco. Duties include work on constituent cases, interacting with state departments, answering phones, assisting staff and general office tasks. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about public policy, especially gay and lesbian issues, and state government. Info: Pam Gibbs, 445-8077

Wanted

Old Cameras

Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397.

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The Newest Technology in Video Arcades Showing Hundreds Of New Releases Monthly.

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PURE GOLD ENTERTAINMENT

3300 SUNRISE BLVD., RANCHO CORDOVA

Located 1 mile south of Folsom Blvd., Take Hwy., 50 Sunrise Exit South. 7 days a week. Must be 21 to visit.

ADULT VIDEOS • VIDEO RENTAL • NOVELTIES

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Record & Listen to ads FREE!

Use Free Code 9696

BOYCOTT

These businesses do not support you, so you might choose not to support them!!!

Russo & Marsh:

Sacramento public relations firm that refuses to accept MGW Newspaper. MGW mails all advertising/public relations firms complimentary copies of MGW.

Raley's:

President Charles L. Collins is on the Board of the **Family Research Institute** (Paul Cameron's scientists group) with Lou Sheldons's **Traditional Family Values.** During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:

National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newsstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:

Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran,Hitomi Marketing Agency:

Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

Calvary Christian Center:

Rev. Phillip G. Goudeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:

16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfields' First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

Capitol Christian Center:

Rev. Glen Cole stands in the ranks with Lou Sheldon'sTraditional Values Coalition.

Call **MGW NEWSPAPER** if you have evidence of other local and national businesses that have discriminated against gay and lesbians. 441-6397

MGW
MOM... GUESS WHAT! NEWSPAPER

CLASSIFIED ADS/BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Mail to: MGW Newspaper, 1725 L St., Sacramento 95814

CLASSIFIED ADS PER ISSUE: $10 for up to 30 words, 40¢ each additional word.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTINGS: A professional guide which includes only business name, address and telephone number. Cost: $15/issue. Ads placed under contract are invoiced monthly.

PERSONALS: Please use the FREE Voice Personal coupon located in the back of MGW Newspaper.

DEADLINE: 7 WORKING DAYS BEFORE EACH ISSUE. ALL ADS MUST BE PREPAID

CATEGORIES:

- ❑ Announcements
- ❑ Employment
- ❑ For Rent
- ❑ Miscellaneous For Sale
- ❑ Real Estate for Sale
- ❑ Recovery
- ❑ Roommates
- ❑ Services
- ❑ Vacation Rentals
- ❑ Wanted
- ❑ Other _____

If your check bounces, you will be charged $25. In addition, you may be liable for up to three times the original amount of the check plus any court costs incurred trying to collect the debt.

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Name _____

Address _____

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VOICE PERSONALS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MGW/DGW FREE VOICE PERSONALS

To respond to an ad, please call 1-900-896-2748 and follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

$1.99 per minute, must be 18 years of age. Info: (916) 441-6397

MEN SEEKING MEN

MEN...
You've got the right tool ... and it's MGW/DGW Free Voice Personals! 1-900-896-2748.

NEED A FRIEND?
Educated, responsible & sensitive GWM, 30. I.S.O. person of high values & views. Looks/age not important as the ability to share ones heart.
10/15 ✆1622

GOT IT TOGETHER?
GWM, 53, looking for someone who has his act together. Tired of insecurity, demands, and fragile egos. Can you love me without smothering me? Can you let me love you without demanding it? Then maybe we should talk.
10/15 ✆1623

VOICE WRITING PARTY
Ask your coupled and single friends to have a Voice Personal Writing Party! It's more fun to brainstorm your ad with all of your friends. After all, sometimes your friends know you better than you do!! 1-900-896-2748.

HANDICAPPED BLONDE VIKING
46, blue eyes, smooth body, and uncut. Seeking young partner, cabin boy type, to swab my galley, pump my bilge, and blow into my sails. Relocate to this mountaintop valley in the bosom of Thor. Only adventurous need apply.
(10/15) ✆1612

ONE OF A KIND
Need a friend, I'll share mine. Just want sex, that's easy to find. But if you want a person, heart, love, mind, then call this line -- I'm one of a kind.
(10/15) ✆1611

WORKOUT PARTNER WANTED
GWM looking for a serious workout partner who works out at the 24hr fitness on Howe or Bradshaw Gym. Can work with anytime you have free.
(10/15) ✆1613

LET'S START WITH LUNCH
GWM, 5'11", 24 clean cut, weight proportionate WLTM an easygoing, affectionate, straight-acting guy. I enjoy running, swimming, dancing, and generally having a good time. Let's talk.
(10/15) ✆1617

THE REAL THING
GWM, 26, cute, seeking friends. Searching for LTR with that special guy. Not seeking sex. I'm not a game player. I want the real thing. Friends/Ltr only. Thanx.
(10/15) ✆1619

COMING OUT
GWM seeking first time GWM to share coming out, friendship. 25-45, must be healthy, open, honest, like the good things in life, M/C, camping, musics, walks, etc.
(10/15) ✆1610

RETIRED SENIOR LOOKING
GWM seeks GWM for companionship and friendship with total honesty. I am retired but active in all ways (HIV-). If you are over 40, sincere and serious, call me.
(10/15) ✆1621

BOY WANTED
Masculine, Dominant, but caring WM sks. W/H/M 25-40, masculine hght/wght proportioned, submissive for possible long term Daddy/Son Relationship. I am 53, 6'1", 245. ND/NS.
(11/1) ✆1627

YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO FALL IN LOVE.
You've got the personals. You've got a phone. You've got a few minutes. Got it? 900-896-2748.

BEARDED ANTELOPE TEDDY BEAR
BR/BL 5'11", 200 lbs. stocky build 40's masculine seeks hairy smooth masculine WM 20's-40's who likes outdoors, 4x4's, riding bikes, swimming, hiking, camping. I like guys my height or taller. Give a call-lets talk over coffee. W/S.
(11/1) ✆1628

HAIRY BEAR WANTED
I'm a GHM 23, 5'7", 190 lbs., Blk Hair, Blk Eyes, 38" waist, (HIV-). WLTM a hairy W/GHM 23-40 Husky build (HIV-) for companionship and love. Call Me.
(11/1) ✆1629

GBM SEXBUDDY WANTED
GBM wanted for ongoing hot sex. Me: GWM, 35, handsome face, sexy Italian eyes, tall, stocky & strong (6'1", 205#), top/versatile. You: 22-39, attractive, lean to average weight, bottom/versatile. Both of us: HIVneg, passionate, physical, respectful, honest, affirming.
(11/1) ✆1633

COFFIE ANYONE?
23y.o. GWM, Blonde/Hazel Eyes. Fun/outgoing-loves to go biking, long walks, movies and coversation. Seeks stable, decent and hones W/HM 22-33 for friends/poss. LTR. (11/15) ✆1634

ROMANTIC COWBOY
Hot W/M bottom seeks romantic top cowboy-like long & thick for romance & love making. Any race, in Sacramento with moustache & macho attitude & muscular body! (11/15) ✆1635

SEEKING SPECIAL GUY
Boyish 25 year ole white male, short brown hair, green eyes, 135#'s, 5'9" seeking slender, cute boyish looking white male 16-25 to become friends. Looking for monogamous relationship. I'm caring, cute, straite acting. Enjoy music, outdoors, walking, dancing, computers; more.
(11/15) ✆1636

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP
GWF, 30, loves movies, outdoors and good conversation. If you love to be pampered then I'm your woman. A good sense of humor a must. I can be wild and crazy. Can you keep up with me?
(10/15) ✆1609

NEW FRIENDS
Romantic/cute/easygoing/playful woman seeks SGF for fun and Adventure (45-60).
(10/15) ✆1624

FOOTHILLS FRUSTRATED FEMALE
Seeks butch woman (1 or ?) to tie me up & melt me down (I own Columbia Candles). All pleasures accepted.
(10/15) ✆1615

WHERE ARE YOU?
I've been searching high and low. I've met many women who were not a go. I know you're out there. I'm waiting for you. The feminine part, the masculine me. N/S N/D
(10/15) ✆1616

VOICE WRITING PARTY
Ask your coupled and single friends to have a Voice Personal Writing Party! It's more fun to brainstorm your ad with all of your friends. After all, sometimes your friends know you better than you do!!

GRATIS. NO CHARGE. BONUS. COMPLIMENTARY. ZIP.
Get the point? Place an ad in the personals. It's free.

"WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS."
Singles bars? Blind dates? Place a free ad in the personals. And start meeting like this. Call 1-900-896-2748.

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL IN THE MOUNTAINS
SWGF, 41, 5' 110 lbs., blond/blue, love animals, camping, X-skiing, fishing, good movies, romantic evenings, cooking. In search of (ISO) gentle but strong lady with same interests. (11/1) ✆1632

LUCKY ME
I knew I could find a friend perhaps a lover just like you sweet thoughtful, fun loving, funny. Lets try, just be 45 + and have a sense of adventure. (11/15) ✆1637

LATE BLOOMER
Over 40, not into bars. Camper, outdoors lover, huge sports fan, dog lover, live concerts. ND/NS/NA. WLTM GWF w/like interests. Lets travel that road of happy destiny together. (11/15) ✆1638

JUST FRIENDS

G/L ARTISTS
GM Artist (painter) WLTM G/L artist to share common interest.
(10/15) ✆1618

DON'T LET THAT MOMENT PASS!
You know that special ad that caught your eye ... the one you keep going back to? Answer it! You can reply to any ad by calling 1-900-896-2748. Try it ... you don't know what you're missing!

"CLOSET BEING REMODELED"
34PSWF-live for weekends new to etiquette of gay community. Dislike temperamental phony and ignorant people. Seeking a friend first, then a mentor to assist with remodeling. Down to earth, good sense of humor only.
(11/1) ✆1630

BI ENCOUNTERS/ VARIATIONS

CAN'T SLEEP?
Find your dream date. You can use the personals 24 hours a day. 900-896-2748.

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST
41 BiWF looking for someone to share my evenings with. I love music, cooking &anything Italian), massage, and water (especially showering together). If you can handle being spoiled --CALL!
(10/15) ✆1625

GRAZING?
The next time you call to answer a voice personal ad, try our "Browse" feature. You can listen to lots of different voices in a row, and respond to any voice you'd like to hear more of. It's like reading the personals with your ears!
(11/1) ✆1630

NEED A FRIEND
Smaller, younger guys + gals. Need a friend to talk to + play with until you find mr. right? This mature, laid back, caring, B/WM, 5'9", 160 knows hot to be a real friend.(11/15) ✆1639

I SAW YOU

LOOKING FOR BECKY
We met last summer at Faces one Sunday afternoon. I dropped my car alarm in the toilet. You told me you worked with electronics. We danced a memorable two-step. I was not free to see you but I am now.
(11/1) ✆1631

SEARCHING FOR KIRIROCOS
Sacramento please help a romantic fool following his heart. My name is Scott and I live in San Francisco. On August 2nd I met the man of my dreams. He came into San Francisco after working on a project in Lafayette. To you he is an engineer from Berkely, originally from the country of Cyprus, with brown eyes, dark curly hair and a mustache. In my eyes he is kind, honest, loving, sincere, intelligent, handsome and has a sense of humor. However, because I am an idiot, when we parted I did not show my true feelings. I don't have his phone number to tell him how I feel. Although my heart dictates this plea for help, I understand that he may not feel the same about me. If only I knew his true feelings as this is a living hell.
(10/15) ✆1620

COUPLES SEEKING COUPLES

COUPLE SEEKING COUPLE
Gay male couple. One Domestic, other international. Seek lesbian, same, for exchange of wedding vows.
(10/15) ✆1614

SAW YOU AGAIN
Seen you eating. You should be more relaxed. I did tell you very disecret. See ya again. Don. (11/15) ✆1640

MGW/DGW AD OF THE WEEK

ROMANTIC COWBOY

Hot W/M bottom seeks romantic top cowboy-like long & thick for romance & love making. Any race in Sacramento with moustache & macho attitude & muscular body! (11/15)

MGW/DGW FREE Voice Personals

DEADLINE: TUESDAY at noon

By fax: 916.441.6422 ▪ By mail or in person: 1725 L Street., Sacramento, CA 95814

1 Please print your ad here:
7-word minimum for all classified ads.
Headlines are FREE this week!

Headline (2 or 3 words)

Use additional sheet of paper if necessary

2 Select a category:
- ❑ Men Seeking Men
- ❑ Lesbians Seeking Lesbians
- ❑ Couples Seeking Couples
- ❑ Just Friends
- ❑ I Saw You
- ❑ Bi Encounters/Variations
- ❑ Straight Seeking

3 Payments:

MGW/DGW for all ads up to 40 words ..... FREE!
____ words @ 30¢ each ..... $____
Headline ..... FREE!
Subtotal ..... $____
Multiply subtotal by ____issures ..... Total____
Make checks payable to MGW Newspaper (Do Not Send Cash)

IMPORTANT: Include full name, address & daytime phone number. MGW/DGW will not accept ad without this information; it will be kept strictly confidential.

4 Name: _____ Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Suggestions
- A "word" is any group of letters or number surrounded by spaces. For a term containing a hyphen (-) or a slash(/), count 2 words if the term exceeds 8 characters (including the hyphen or slash).
- Do not write your ad only in capital letters.

Policies
- All MGW/DGW ads get a FREE number. (Sorry, no personal telephone numbers, addresses or post office box numbers.)
- No ads accepted containing explicit sexual references or crude language.
- 20% service charge assessed on refunds for cancelled ads.
- We reserve the right to abbreviate, edit, categorize, or refuse ads submitted for publication.
- MGW/DGW Voice Personals are intended for adults seeking a romantic relationship. Sexually oriented ads will appear in DGW only.

Sports Leisure Travel proudly offers...

"party"

Sun., Nov. 3 — San Francisco

Join us for this fun-filled outing to see the funniest gay play ever! Travel in a luxury motorcoach to Oakland for Sunday Brunch at Jack London Square, then into The City, where you'll have 2 1/2 hours to begin your Christmas shopping at Union Square and/or visit the Castro District (shuttle service provided). Finally, settle in at the Cable Car Theatre (just off Union Square) for the 3pm matinee.

"PARTY" enjoyed a long run off-Broadway in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto and many other cities. It's a spirited contemporary comedy about seven gay men, friends who gather for a party and to play a game called "Facts and Fantasies", an elaborate variation on "Truth or Dare". They reveal their feelings about life and each other in a hilarious and positive way. By the end of the play, all seven men are naked on stage, as they act out sexy fantasies. Truly, it is one of the funniest shows you will ever see!

The price of **$63** includes transportation, complimentary refreshment en route, brunch and theatre tickets. A Sports Leisure Tour Director will accompany the group.

SELECTED CRUISES & VACATION PACKAGES

CLUB R.S.V.P. — PUERTO VALLARTA
November 9-16
Includes first class resort accommodations on Mexico's west coast, all meals, open bar, room service, water and land sport, gratuities. Prices at **$695-$1195 p.p./dbl.occ, $1100-$1300 single,** share program available.

R.S.V.P. MARDI GRAS CRUISE ON THE NOORDAM
February 8-15, 1997
Depart from Tampa — spend an entire day and night in New Orleans, plus stops in Key West and Cozumel. From **$895-$2295 p.p./dbl.occ,** roommates available.

Except where noted, airfare, port charges and gratuities are not included. Single and triple prices available.

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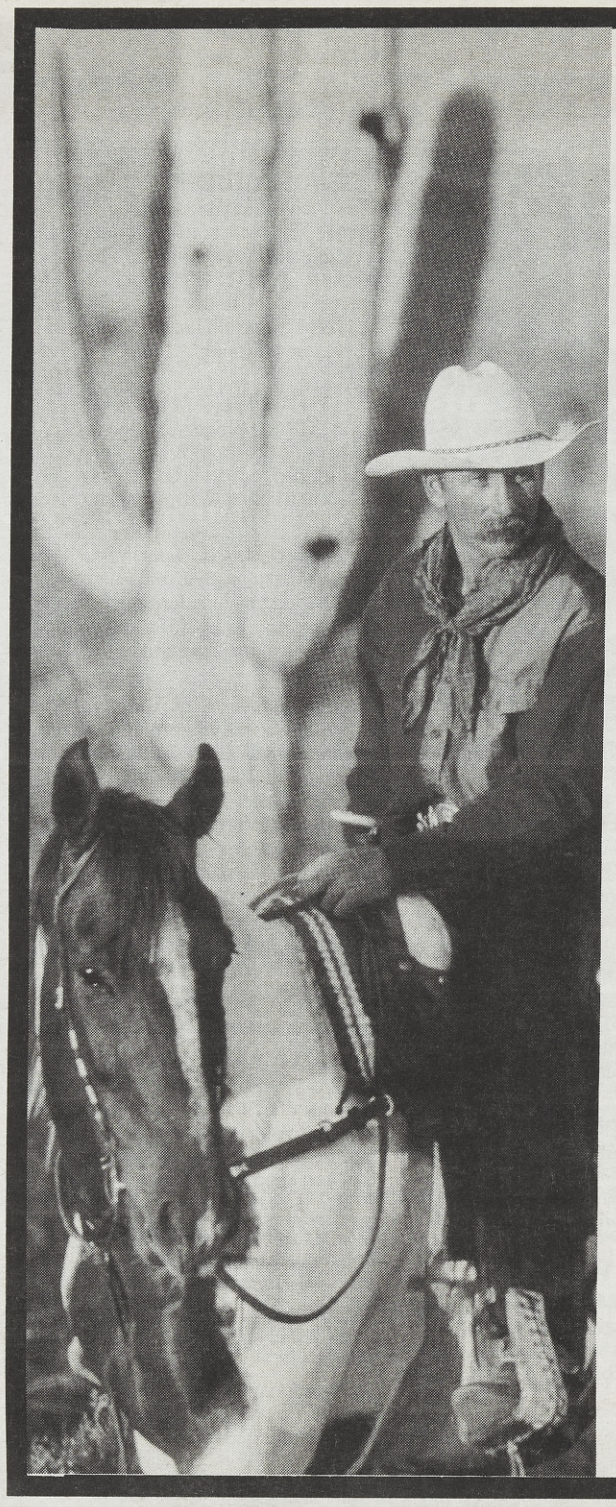

Riding the Range Alone?

Try MGW/ DGW FREE Voice Personals...

See coupon on page 23

Make local friends instantly!

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